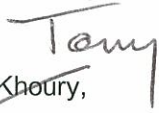


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Mr Tony Khoury
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Waste Contractors & Recyclers Association of NSW
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Dear Mr Khoury,

Roads & Maritime Services (RMS) would like to acknowledge the efforts of the Waste Contractors & Recyclers Association of NSW (WCRA) in improving road safety practices for the industry by developing and providing guidelines on load restraint for waste industry drivers. These guidelines provide a useful summary of load restraint methodologies that have been developed for waste contractors and recyclers in the hook-lift, DINO and skip bin transport systems.

RMS encourages drivers in the industry to become familiar with these guidelines to assist in their understanding of their load restraint compliance obligations. Poor practice in load restraint has been found to be a key contributor in a number of fatal and serious injury crashes and RMS supports the WCRA in its work to improve standards in load restraint in the waste and recycling transport industry.

As you are aware, RMS Authorised Officers refer to legislation as the primary basis for any on-road compliance action and this includes the Load Restraint Guide which outlines the requirements for the certification of any load restraint methodologies. RMS understands that the WCRA may progress with the required documentation for the certification of load restraint methodologies but in the meantime, the new WCRA guidelines provide useful reference material to drivers and may be referred to by RMS as required.

We thank the WCRA for their ongoing consultation with RMS regarding load restraint matters and encourage the development of further information for specific loads of waste and recycling materials.

Yours sincerely



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