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Statement on recovered fines

The changes to orders and exemptions that were proposed by the NSW EPA for the processing of skip bin waste products was likely to pose significant challenges to stakeholders across the waste management sector, in particular small businesses.

The NSW EPA have listened to the feedback from the commercial waste sector, including recovery facilities and small businesses, and made a decision not to proceed with the proposed Recovered Fines revocation. The result of this decision is that the 2014 Recovered fines Order and exemption will remain in force.

WCRA is of the view that this is a sensible decision and in the best interests of better resource recovery outcomes. However, the NSW EPA and the NSW Government need to invest additional suitable resources into compliance, monitoring and better education.

Through our representations WCRA and our Members were very fortunate to receive the support and assistance of the Minister for Small Business the Hon. Ms Eleni Petinos, the Minister for Infrastructure the Hon. Rob Stokes, the Minister for the Environment the Hon. James Griffin, the Shadow Minister for Small Business, the Hon. Stephen Kamper and the NSW EPA.

And we very much appreciate the advocacy and support that was provided to us by the Office of the Small Business Commissioner.

I would also like to pay special mention to the very substantial efforts of my colleague Ms Gayle Sloan, CEO of WMRR for her assistance, guidance and the dedication shown in our many representations, meetings and submissions.

On behalf of our Members, we look forward to working with all stakeholders for better and more sustainable C&D recycling outcomes.

Please direct all enquiries to Mr Tony Khoury, Executive Director.