

## Submission Form for Comments and Feedback

### Review of the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act* and *Litter Act*

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2.3.2 Improving waste management	<p>Q4. What may be some of the impediments or hindrances to improving reuse and recycling in the Northern Territory? How could these impediments or hindrances be addressed?</p> <p>The main barriers for recycling are the scale (amount of available materials for recycling), existing market for collected recyclables (or recovered materials), and costs for collection and processing. Some of the ways to address these impediments:</p> <p>The introduction and/or support for (voluntary) stewardship programs (for specific end-of-life product categories). Government incentives for the reuse of recovered materials (e.g. the reuse of construction and demolition waste in road construction). Centralised approach/facility for recyclable waste collection and separation.</p>

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	<p>Q6. How can we improve our knowledge about the type and amount of wastes being generated, reused and recycled in the Northern Territory?</p> <p>While there is minimal reporting from waste handling contractors, the transfer stations and landfills should be obliged to provide data on waste materials disposal and/or diverted for recycling and recovery, including type of material (e.g. construction waste, metal, paper, etc.), weight, origin/source (e.g. cross-state movement), and recycled materials destination (e.g. for domestic processing, or export for processing/landfilling overseas). The reported data has to be comparable with other states (nation-wide).</p> <p>Data collection and reporting system (and annual data audits) should allow revealing problem districts, e.g. suburbs/areas with higher levels of unseparated waste, lower recycling collection rate, lower/higher overall waste generation level. Availability of data for spatial (between districts) and time (over several years) benchmarking would significantly help to understand and measure the progress in recycling and waste prevention.</p>
	<p>Q7. Should the Territory Government consider imposing levies? To what types of activities or wastes would the levy be applied?</p> <p>Q8. What other infrastructure and industries would improve opportunities for recycling and reuse? Would these be required before a levy could be imposed?</p> <p>Levies have to be applied for most (waste) materials going to landfill. The levy rate should be high enough to encourage waste minimisation and resources recovery, but at the same time relatively affordable, thus preventing unreasonable illegal dumping and waste stockpiling. Additional incentives can be introduced for waste separation “at the gate”, allowing landfill companies (or contractors) for getting the levy back for recovering recyclables after it’s been delivered to the “gate” (as well as getting extra income from selling the recyclable materials).</p>

General comments
<p>To contribute to promoting of waste reuse more information about the economic and environmental potential of recycling is required. How much (dollar value, tonnes, environmental benefits) is lost at present and end up in the landfills? E.g. at present, X tonnes of recyclable construction waste is not reused, representing Y dollar value, and allowing for Z tonnes reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, etc.</p>