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Response to 'The Future of Local Government Review – Options Paper Review Stage 2'

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the 'The Future of Local Government Review – Options Paper Review Stage 2'. Copping Refuse Disposal Site Joint Authority (CRDSJA), which trades as Southern Waste Solutions (SWS), is a Southern Tasmanian waste management authority established in 2001 under Section 30 of the Local Government Act 1993. It is jointly owned by Clarence City, Sorell, Tasman, and Kingborough Councils. SWS operates the Copping Landfill and the Lutana Waste Transfer Station and provides waste management services for a network of metropolitan and regional transfer stations, including local government facilities, servicing approximately 50 per cent of the Tasmanian population.

SWS prides itself on its delivery of best practice waste managing services on behalf of our partner councils and local government customers including operating Tasmania's only Category C cell for hazardous material. Copping Landfill leads the way in renewable energy generation at landfills across Tasmania, generating 18 000 megawatts of electricity and eliminating 122 000 tonnes of CO₂ from the atmosphere per annum. Our current initiatives include exploration of organics processing to support our owner councils and commercial partners, as well as enhancing resource recovery opportunities from landfilled materials.

SWS welcomes the release of the Options paper and notes the review's acknowledgement of the beneficial outcomes achieved through the partnership of our local government members in the delivery of waste disposal and resource recovery services.

The review states that "Some form of scaling up is critical to delivering the capability that is needed for 21st century local government service delivery". The beneficial examples linked to SWS highlight the positive and significant outcomes that could be achieved from sharing and consolidating service delivery at the local government level. The Authority notes that, executed well, these outcomes can be achieved whether mandated or not. SWS would like to use the opportunity to offer the Review an opportunity for further discussion to understand the development of the Authority, particularly the issues and solutions we have navigated to achieve our success so far. It is important that the context for the establishment of a successful authority is thoroughly endorsed by participating councils in order to support a conclusion that a "Significant (mandated) sharing and consolidation of services" would achieve the same positive outcomes delivered by SWS and our partner councils.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Mucha", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive.

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Southern Waste Solutions