



LGIS AWT Forum
Industry Planning / Licensing / Regulation Reforms
Our Vision for Change

Who Are We?



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- ❖ *Membership exceeds 80 companies statewide. Greater than 50% of the membership employ fewer than 20 staff.*
 - ❖ *Statistics.*
 - *Membership representative of every sector*
 - *Members Queensland assets exceed \$1 Billion invested or managed*
 - *Queenslanders employed exceed 5,700 persons*
 - *Materials recycled or reprocessed exceed 3.0 million tonnes annually*
 - *Overall products collected, transported, controlled, recycled, reprocessed and disposed exceeds 6.8 million tonnes annually*

The Board



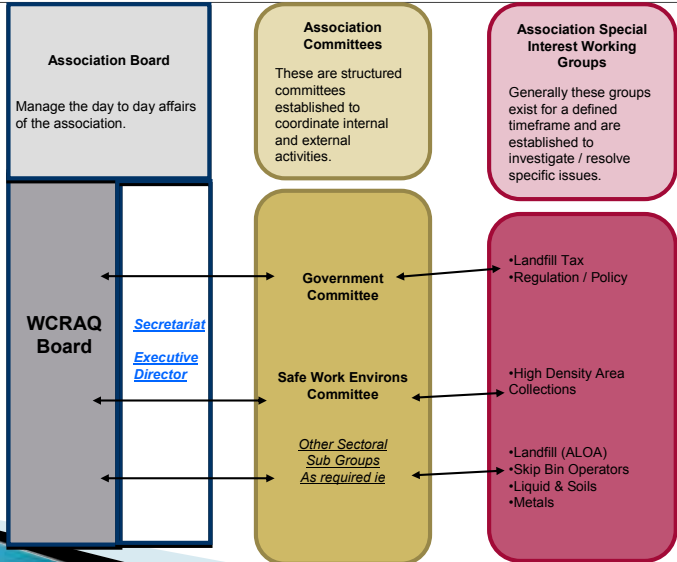
Executive Positions:

- ▶ **President** Philip Richards : Director , J. J. Richards & Sons Pty Ltd
- ▶ **Vice President** Peter King : General Manager - Waste Management
Thiess Services Pty Ltd
- ▶ **Secretary** Grant Stockwell : Group General Manager
Veolia Environmental Services
- ▶ **Treasurer** Neil Perry : General Manager — Solid Waste (C&I) Metro
Transpacific Industries Group Ltd

General

- ▶ John Glyde Australia General Manager QLD / NT, Director - Sims Group Holdings Ltd
- ▶ Rod Johnson General Manager—Alex Fraser Queensland Recycling
- ▶ Peter Whale Managing Director—Whale Bins
- ▶ Roy Wilson Director—Plencove / Nugrow Pty Ltd
- ▶ Barry Cannon State Manager—Kartaway (QLD) Pty Ltd
- ▶ Bob Eggleton Manager—Ipswich Waste Services
- ▶ John Hadden General Manager—Visy Recycling

Sound Governance Model



One of our objectives



Collaboratively working with and leading the key sector stakeholders in delivering :

- ❑ A restructured planning framework that protects our industry assets, translating to a consistent licensing and regulation regime transparent in its delivery of 'protecting the environment' from all resource recovery / recycling and waste management operations in Queensland.
- ❑ A Regulatory and Licensing "Level Playing Field" that provides confidence for our industry to continue to invest in new and expanded assets. This investment will lead to delivering sustainable waste management and recycling outcomes that support State and Local Government policies.

Why ?



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- Our industry functions by operating in a commercial market place. We need clarity of the standards applied in licensing and regulating the sector. These must be unambiguous in their translation and delivery statewide.
 - Our objectives are aligned to the core values of the community - “ Protection of the Environment” and Prevention of Environmental Harm.
 - Industry needs agreed standards consistently applied by regulators.

Our 'Vision for Change'



- That we recognise Waste Management infrastructure as **Essential Community Infrastructure** in all state and local plans
- That we develop a coherent licensing and regulatory framework that facilitates business activity in resource recovery and waste management
- That we promote consistent application of regulatory and licensing requirements through model licenses / codes
- That we adopt a new ERA structure that supports government and business objectives, adopts waste hierarchy concepts, and enables an efficient regulatory and licensing environment. (eg. separate levels of risk, recycling operations vs regulated waste processing)

Planning Reforms



Queensland's population will double in the next 25 years!

State and Regional plans *MUST Immediately - Plan to Protect & Plan to Locate* this essential community recycling and waste management infrastructure.

Why?

- ❑ *No single Queensland planning document provides for any existing or future waste and recycling sector infrastructure.*
- ❑ *Waste Management Infrastructure is 'Essential Community Infrastructure' that must be protected. Without committing to this how can we confidently deliver 'protection of the environment' from the rapidly expanding population base and its related impacts?*

QLD Licence Standards?



Licensing Reforms



We need appropriate licensing arrangements consistently applied state-wide.

Potential solutions for consideration:

- ❑ Design and introduce model codes for all activities
- ❑ Assess relevant resource recovery and recycling activities based on risk, separate these from higher risk ERA's and consider imposing self assessable codes
- ❑ Introduce a statewide waste and recycling business register
- ❑ Introduce annual fees, linked to annualized data responses for these renewals

Regulation Reforms



*Address inefficient regulatory processes
and consider introducing self regulatory protocols.*

Potential solutions for consideration:

- ❖ Where laws are broken swiftly enforce and shut down the operator's unregistered business activity
- ❖ Invoke new 'Duty of Care' legislation on 'all generators' of waste. This will reinforce and enforce legal waste management practices by the community and drive the change in culture
- ❖ Eliminate outdated and unnecessary regulatory reporting practices and processes
- ❖ Consolidate, streamline and merge regulatory regimes

Can we do this?



- Base the future system controls and enforcement on risk profile principles that will deliver:
 - Consistency of planning processes applicable to this industry
 - Clarity of licensing protocols
 - Conformance to strong enforceable regulation
- ❑ Remove the regulatory administration burdens, moving to proactive 'protection of environment' principles not reactive processes.
- ❑ Planning to protect our existing infrastructure will provide for the needs of future Queensland population growth
 - ❑ Without such a vision- Waste will be the states next water crisis.
 - ✓ Register all operators
 - ✓ Registrations will capture data
 - ✓ Data provides information for strong policy development and good regulation implementation

Thankyou

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