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Dear Mr Tori

**TEMPORARY REGULATORY CONTROLS ON WASTE MANAGEMENT**

Thank you for your letter dated 2 August 2017 regarding temporary regulatory controls on waste management.

Following the recent fire at Coolaroo, my immediate priority was to protect the community by ensuring effective management of risks. I have now declared an interim waste management policy (Resource Recovery Facilities) (iWMP) - valid for 12 months - to provide clear regulatory requirements for the management of combustible, recyclable material.

The iWMP seeks to minimise risks to human health and the environment from fire by requiring combustible recyclable and waste material be managed and stored appropriately. The iWMP will also require this material be stored in accordance with all state and local laws, including without limitation, local planning laws and building regulations.

An EPA taskforce has been established to undertake site inspections of waste and resource recovery facilities, and will consult local councils where appropriate, to ensure they are compliant with the iWMP and fire services guidelines. I encourage you to work with the EPA and the taskforce in the implementation of the iWMP and provide guidance where required.

The issues of litter and odour with respect the Melbourne Regional Landfill that you have raised are not covered by the scope of the policy. Landfills are regulated in Victoria by the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) as 'scheduled premises' and as such require an EPA license to operate. EPA conduct regular inspections and monitoring of landfills to ensure compliance with licence conditions. If community are experiencing odour or litter problems, I encourage them to report this to EPA through their 24-hour pollution hotline, 1300 EPA VIC (1300 372 842).

If you would like any further information on the iWMP or taskforce response, contact Kate Gavens, Director Environment Protection on 03 9637 8591 or [kate.gavens@delwp.vic.gov.au](mailto:kate.gavens@delwp.vic.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

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