

To Whom it May Concern,

Local governments and private organisations that operate landfill facilities are required to fulfill several reporting requirements to State government.

Whilst most reports are for the previous financial year period, reporting required under Environmental Protection Licences (Annual Environmental Report and Audit Compliance Report) are for 12 month periods that appear to be related to the date of issue of the EPL.

This presents the following issues:

- Organisations are required to maintain a database for a period which is not used for any other reporting purposes, adding to the administrative burden.
- Information that could otherwise be used for multiple reports is not valid due to this arbitrary period, therefore adding to the administrative burden.
- The fact that the EPL reports are due at different times to most other reporting requirements also adds to the administrative burden as organisations are forced to search through their databases to find the relevant data rather than just completing the EPL reporting requirements along with the other state and federal reporting requirements.

Considering the above issues I would recommend that the Department of Environment Regulation takes action to align the EPL reporting requirements (for all industries) with the standard financial year calendar. Whilst the transition period would initially require organisations to complete a report for a period shorter than 12 months, it would provide a practical means of reducing the administrative burden placed on organisations in regards to government reporting requirements.

Although this is a relatively small scale submission, I believe it is a common sense and easily achievable reform that would go along way to reducing the administrative burden (and ill-will towards government) experienced by organisations that are operating under EPL's.

Kind regards,

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