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## STRATEGIC REVIEW – PUTRESCIBLE LANDFILL DEMAND & CAPACITY FOR THE SYDNEY REGION

Mr Tony Wright is to:

1. Review the findings and recommendations of the *Independent Public Assessment – Landfill Capacity and Demand* report, which was published in September 2000;
2. Provide advice to the Minister for Planning on the following:
  - (a) current available landfill capacity for putrescible waste for the Sydney region;
  - (b) any changes in the pattern of demand for landfill capacity since the September 2000 report;
  - (c) estimated demand for landfill capacity from 2009 to 2024, having regard to the framework in the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001*, the continuing implementation of the *NSW Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy 2007*, and emerging trends within the waste management industry, such as the ongoing development of alternate waste treatment or recycling and resource recovery facilities, and improvements in landfill techniques and technologies;
  - (d) the implications of the above estimates on the need or otherwise for additional waste management infrastructure; and
  - (e) the effectiveness of the “justifiable demand” policy, as reflected in Division 23 of Part 2 of *State Environmental Planning Policy (Infrastructure) 2007*, in the light of other policy measures for achieving the Government’s objectives of encouraging waste avoidance and resource recovery and reducing greenhouse gas emissions from biodegradable waste; and whether the policy should be retained in its current form, amended to improve its effectiveness, or phased out;
3. Seek submissions from a broad range of key stakeholders during the review, including government agencies, and industry, community and environment groups; and
4. Report to the Minister for Planning by the end of November 2008.