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Our Ref: F3399

The Commissioner  
Waste Generation and Resource Efficiency Inquiry  
Productivity Commission  
Locked Bag 2, Collins Street East  
Melbourne VIC 8003

Dear Commissioner,

**Comments - Draft Report**

I refer to your draft report and request for further submissions on matters raised in the draft report.

WSN would like to take the opportunity to clarify some comments made in your report.

At pp 263-4 of your report you refer to some comments made by direct competitors of WSN. We acknowledge the Commission's efforts to illustrate both perspectives on this matter. However, WSN would make the points below.

You say "Many of the concerns would be obviated if the NSW Government were to sell WSN Environmental Solutions, as foreshadowed in 2005 (WCRA sub 15)".

It is not clear whether this is an expression of view by the Commission, or a restatement of WCRA's claim. On reading WCRA's submission, it appears that the WCRA submission is only quoted in reference to the "foreshadowed in 2005" reference. Further, given the comments are made at the end of the section, some parties may interpret this as a considered view of the Commission.

If it was not intended to be an expression of view by the Commission, then WSN would suggest that it be removed.

If this was an expression of view by the Commission, then given your comment that "It is not the place of this Inquiry to test the veracity of these [competitor] claims", we question the value of any reference to them in your report, and query how the Commission formed a view without testing the veracity of the claims.

Yours sincerely,

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Chief Executive Officer