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**Question 1 - What are the key issues facing the NSW waste system?**

EPA Regulations and Decisions relating to AWT - MWOO, Energy from Waste, approval for new Landfills and extending current landfills, CDS MRF Refund Sharing Agreement lack of support for small Councils, 100% of the Waste Levy returned to Council and Industry to improve waste outcomes, addressing the barriers to FOGO in Metropolitan Sydney, and the co-investment, risk sharing and funding of new technologies and new facilities.

**Question 2 - What are the main barriers to improving the NSW waste system?**

The unfair distribution of the Waste Levy. 100% of the Waste Levy needs to be returned to Councils and Industry to provide the necessary funding for improving waste management and resource recovery outcomes.

**Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?**

To reduce waste to landfill in Metropolitan Sydney clear EPA guidance and industry consultation is needed on AWT- MWOO, Energy from Waste and if FOGO is to be implemented in Metropolitan Sydney understanding the significant barriers that exist including providing the service to MUDs, LGA's which have recycling contamination rates of more than 20%, the large amount of funding needed for FOGO trials, implementation, if the end product is too contaminated what disposal options exist in the face of the AWT-MWOO suspension and ban, and the year on year expenses: education campaigns, compostable bags, inspection and field officers, etc.

**Question 4 - How can we recycle better?**

Additional and new funding for education campaigns, new MRF technology, industry consistency, large-scale Metropolitan Sydney campaigns as the vast majority of Metropolitan Sydney's comingled recycling is accepted by the same MRF operator.

**Question 5 - What are the main opportunities for improving the NSW waste system?**

100% of the Waste Levy returned to Councils and Industry to implement and deliver the new technologies, new facilities, new systems and new education campaigns that will allow NSW to reach its resource recovery targets.

**Question 6 - Any other information that you would like to contribute to the waste strategy initiative?**

New and additional long-term funding, long-term policy certainty, large-scale education campaigns for the Metropolitan Sydney region, increased assistance and expert advice for smaller Councils (for example for the CDS MRF Refund Sharing Agreement (similar to the QLD example), approval for new and improved landfills, increased funding and risk-sharing for new technologies, new facilities, FOGO or other trials).