



press release

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STATEMENT: INTERSTATE TRANSPORT OF WASTE

SUEZ is opposed to the unnecessary transportation of waste interstate.

We are committed to managing our customer's waste reliably and responsibly and SUEZ does not transport waste interstate for disposal in landfills.

SUEZ believes that local communities should reuse, recycle and dispose of the waste they produce within a local proximity. SUEZ promotes the local management of waste and believes that its treatment and disposal should take place at the closest possible location to its origin unless it is being disposed of at a facility with better environmental performance standards.

The transportation of waste over long distances increases the carbon footprint of waste disposal and undermines the role of the waste levy in New South Wales. With estimates of 400,000 of waste transported to Queensland by either road, rail or sea, the New South Wales Government is currently forfeiting \$54,280,000 of waste levy revenue per year.

The movement of waste has an impact on waste levy revenues and planned initiatives such as Waste Less, Recycle More, which is designed to support waste and recycling services to the community and ensure a clean environment in New South Wales. Existing recycling, resource recovery and landfill infrastructure in New South Wales is also being undermined whilst at the same time saturating the waste infrastructure in Queensland.

The carbon footprint of waste disposal from the extra diesel trucks travelling up to Queensland means extra truck movements and more heavy vehicles on busy and dangerous major highways every day, putting added pressure on the transport channel between the two states.

SUEZ provides smart and reliable resource solutions to collect, recover and recycle waste into valuable new products and resources. In Australia, SUEZ collects 2.2 million tonnes of waste every year and diverts more than 1.2 million tonnes of waste from landfill.

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SUEZ makes the best use of water and waste by providing smart and reliable resource management solutions for towns, cities, business and industry. Our local team provides solutions that supply seven million Australians with safe drinking water and divert 1.2 million tonnes of waste from landfill every year.