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**SITA WELCOMES INCREASED COMPETITION THROUGH SALE OF NSW
GOVERNMENT WASTE ASSETS**

Leading waste management group, SITA Environmental Solutions said the intended sale of the state-owned Waste Services NSW (WSN) promised to lift competition in the waste management sector bringing lower costs to ratepayers.

“The sale expected to be announced in the Mini-Budget will help produce improved service due to an increased competition and lower costs to rate payers. Critically it should help fast-track the introduction of resource recovery and new recycling technologies in the form of advanced waste treatment facilities”, said Mr Mike Ritchie, General Manager Marketing & Communications, SITA Environmental Solutions.

WSN currently owns strategic sites across Sydney and has held a dominant competitive position due to the fact that there are limited approved sites for waste infrastructure.

“Private sector involvement in NSW waste management will free up the NSW government from being both a provider of services and regulator of its own business (via the Environmental Protection Agency) and will result in industry world’s best practice being realised at a faster rate”, Mr Ritchie said.

“This initiative will allow the freeing up of vital capital funding to be channelled into other important NSW services such as public infrastructure, schools and the NSW health system - further win for the residents of NSW”, Mr Ritchie said.

SITA welcomes the opportunity to discuss this initiative further with the NSW Government as more information becomes available.

SITA Environmental Solutions, a SUEZ Environment subsidiary, provides weekly services to over 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and more than 800,000 households across Australia

SITA’s services include domestic, commercial & industrial waste collection; waste assessments; resource recovery and recycling options; processing of organic materials into compost; renewable energy facilities; hygiene services; waste treatment; and product destruction.

More information on SITA’s services can be obtained by calling 13 13 35 or visit www.sita.com.au

With 62,000 employees and more than 120 years of efforts to constantly improve the quality of life for all, SUEZ Environment, a company present on the five continents, is exclusively dedicated to the environment business in which it has firmly secured its position as world leader.

SUEZ Environment and its subsidiaries are committed to the day-to-day challenge of conserving resources and protecting eco-systems by providing innovative solutions to millions of people and industries in the drinking water, wastewater treatment and waste management fields.

SUEZ Environment’s waste and water management business expertise is a vital asset in responding to the stakes of the 21st Century: effectively, the world of tomorrow needs an economy which preserves natural resources and optimises the use of raw materials.

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