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Legacy Emissions removed from landfill – a welcome decision

SITA welcomes the announcement by Mr Greg Combet, Parliamentary Secretary for Climate Change that the Federal Government has removed Legacy Emissions caused by waste landfills from the Carbon Pollution Reduction Scheme (CPRS).

The removal of Legacy Waste Emissions from the Scheme has been widely supported by the landfill industry members and in particular, SITA.

Our concern about the equity of imposing a liability on emissions from previously deposited waste, or so called 'Legacy Emissions' has been acted upon by Mr Combet and the Rudd Government.

We acknowledge that the delay in the commencement of the Scheme announced last week provides the industry with an extra year to prepare for the Scheme and will allow us to continue our research into abatement opportunities for reducing emissions and implementing accurate measurements.

Managing Director of SITA Environmental Solutions, Mr Eric Gernath said, "This is a fair decision which reflects the common sense view that current waste generators should not have to pay CPRS permit costs for disposal activities of the past."

"This decision brings the waste sector into line with all other covered sectors," Mr Gernath said.

SITA will continue to provide support to making the CPRS a success.

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SITA Environmental Solutions, a SUEZ Environment subsidiary, provides weekly services to over 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and more than 1.1 million 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 visiting www.sita.com.au

SUEZ Environment, a branch of the SUEZ Group, supplies services, plant and equipment essential to life and to environmental protection: drinking water production and distribution, wastewater collection and treatment, waste processing and recycling. Backed by its experience in the water and waste sectors, SUEZ Environment has a wide-ranging portfolio of know-how, providing sustainable solutions for local authorities and businesses.

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