

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SITA supports the NSW Government \$200million Local Infrastructure Fund**

SITA Environmental Solutions welcomes the NSW Government's decision and Treasurer Roozendaal's budget announcement of the \$200 million "Local Infrastructure Fund".

There are a large number of shovel-ready local infrastructure projects including resource recovery and recycling, waste treatment and transfer stations, ready to be realised by the private sector.

Mike Ritchie, SITA's National General Manager, Marketing & Communications said, "Across the country, the private sector is willing to invest \$4 billion in waste infrastructure to create 6,000 jobs and reduce Australia's greenhouse gas emissions by 7% or 35 million tonnes. This will create \$6.2 billion in new economic activity."

With the availability of \$200 million in interest-free loans to local governments, SITA encourages NSW Councils to review their waste and recycling opportunities as these will generate long-term, sustainable and environmentally beneficial jobs. The private sector is prepared to work hand-in-glove with the Government at both the state and local level to facilitate new recycling infrastructure. In Sydney alone, 10 advanced waste treatment plants and 10 commercial waste sorting plants are required to achieve the current Government recycling targets.

SITA congratulates the NSW Government on today's budget announcement of the Local Infrastructure Fund and looks forward to working with Councils to invest this money in recycling infrastructure initiatives.

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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 1.1million 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](http://www.sita.com.au)*

*With over 65,000 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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