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Dear Mr Banks

DER Draft Guidance Statement: Publication of Annual Audit Compliance Reports

The Municipal Waste Advisory Council (MWAC), on behalf of Local Government in WA is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the DER draft *Guidance Statement: Publication of Annual Audit Compliance Reports*.

MWAC supports the intention of the Department to publish the reports on its website, as a means of increasing transparency. There have been instances where it has been difficult for the wider community to obtain information that can provide assurance that a licensee is operating in accordance with their licence conditions. MWAC requests that the search function for locating the reports is designed to be user friendly, as the current search function for licences and works approvals is difficult to use.

The Annual Audit Compliance Report Form contains a question on the actual or suspected environmental impact of a non-compliance event. The inclusion of this question is supported, as it provides licensees with the opportunity to explain the significance and substance of a breach.

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Yours sincerely

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