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**RE: Submission to Nelson City Council regarding Regional Landfill**

Introduction & Context:

Smart Environmental Ltd (Smart) is one of New Zealand's largest Waste and Recycling operators with operations throughout New Zealand. We have provided Councils throughout New Zealand with waste and recycling services for many years. Our areas of expertise are waste and recycling operations with particular focus on diversion from landfill and local recycling.

At present in the Upper South Island:

- Smart provides Tasman District Council with Waste and Recycling Services (until September 2016) – as well as kerbside collections (refuse and recycling) and processing we operate the Resource Recovery Centre/Refuse Transfer Station network for Tasman DC with all residual waste currently going thence to the Eves Valley Landfill
- Smart provides Buller District Council with Solid Waste Services (until February 2024) and also operate a medium sized commercial collections operation in Buller. We are directly responsible for disposal of residual waste from the contracted Council operations including all waste which passes through the Westport and Reefton RTS – at present this waste goes to Eves Valley landfill, but has previously gone to the York Valley Landfill (via Buller District Council) for many years, with efficient backhauls of goods from Nelson/Tasman Districts being used to transport goods back to the West Coast.

Overall View on the Proposal for the Regional Landfill:

We have read the Proposal documentation available regarding the Regional Landfill and we are in Support of the Proposal, subject to the incorporation of submitted points outlined below.

Smart's Submission for incorporation into the Regional Landfill Proposal:

Smart makes the following submissions that we would like to see incorporated into the Proposal for the Regional Landfill:

1. That the residual waste from Buller District Council's Solid Waste Contract (currently operated by Smart Environmental Ltd) be able to be received by the proposed Regional Landfill (at York Valley) at the standard gate rate as other users (until at least February 2024).
2. That the gate rate for the proposed Regional Landfill (at York Valley) be set identically for all users ongoing, such that no party is advantaged or disadvantaged by differential landfill gate rates.

We are happy to clarify any of the above as required.

Regards

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