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**DRAFT MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING FOR REGIONAL
WASTE STRATEGY WITH SSROC**

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BETWEEN

Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC)

AND CITY OF SYDNEY COUNCIL

NSW EPA Waste Less, Recycle More (WLRM) Regional Coordination Support.

1. Background.

General Managers of SSROC member councils have agreed to work collaboratively to develop a regional strategy for waste. This followed a recommendation from the SSROC Waste Management Group, with the following reasons for collaboration:

- all member councils have participated in the project to identify regional strategic issues in relation to waste (Hyder Consulting, 2012) and therefore have this analysis already on which to build;
- the SSROC Waste Management Group is already a well established forum for addressing regional strategic issues, and will be an efficient mechanism for collaboration;
- applications for further funding under WLRM are more likely to be successful if they are made within the context of a broader strategic plan;
- strategic plans must be finalised by 30 June 2014, so time is pressing.

It is not anticipated that a single strategic direction for the region will be identified: the project intent will be to address the issues (with an initial update), and to identify solutions. This is most likely to involve identification of sub-groupings of Councils for particular projects through consultation, mutual agreement, and driven by synergies and efficiencies.

2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Memo of Understanding (MoU) is to record that participating councils are committed to the strategic planning process.

3. Reference. The expression of interest to the EPA for funding includes the statement that the General Manager of each Council has signed a memorandum of understanding.

4. Scope. This MoU will be effective throughout the completion of the regional waste strategy, and for the four years of funded support for regional coordination (2013/14 to 2016/17), including a review of the strategy in year four (2016/17).

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5. Understandings, agreements, support and resource needs.

General Managers of Participating Councils have agreed:

- To identify their Council as a participant in strategic planning and regional coordination
- That the project will be conducted under the overall direction of a Steering Committee comprising a sub-group of the SSROC Waste Management Group, SSROC Program Manager, and chaired by an appropriate Director from a participating Council.
- That it is not anticipated that a single project/initiative will be identified for the region as a whole
- To participate in the project funded by the NSW EPA
- To provide data as might be reasonably required throughout the four-year period
- To contribute to the project through the Waste Management Group
- That the project will include the employment of 3 regional coordinators by SSROC, subject to full funding by a grant from the EPA
- That this is the Council's sole approach to the EPA for funding for regional coordination support under WLRM.

Signed on behalf of CITY OF SYDNEY
Council

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CEO

(Date)

Signed on behalf of SSROC

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Alan Northey, General Manager

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