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**To:** Cleanaway Municipal Customers – Western Australia

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**From:** Brad Gornall – General Manager WA & NT

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**Subject:** MRF Incident and Recyclables Processing – Status Update

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Cleanaway has been working to secure alternative processing capability within the Perth market since the incident at our South Guildford MRF. As you are aware, our ability to secure the additional capacity on commercially viable terms has been a difficult process which has affected our diversion targets over the last 2 to 3 weeks.

We are now pleased to advise that Cleanaway and SMRC have executed a contract that will cover the period through to the rebuild of our facility. We have also secured some capacity through other MRFs located across Western Australia. We are still targeting to rebuild our facility by the end of 2020.

Under the contract with SMRC, Cleanaway will be able to process 50,000 tonnes of comingled recyclables over the next 12 months. SMRC has commenced ramping up its operations to provide this capacity with processing of Cleanaway volume to recommence on Monday 17 February 2020

Whilst the SMRC arrangement is insufficient to achieve full processing of recyclables for all our municipal customers, we are expediting further interim infrastructure. Cleanaway is continuing to process the licence application lodged on 18 December 2019 that provides for the manual processing of recyclables at Welshpool. We are targeting the commencement of manual processing at this facility in Q2 2020 and are working with the authorities to expedite this application.

Meetings are being scheduled next week to provide an update on the SMRC transition and interim infrastructure plan and timing.

It is imperative that all stakeholders continue to emphasise the importance that only recyclable products should be placed in recyclable bins. We encourage you to direct your residents to [recycleright.wa.gov.au](http://recycleright.wa.gov.au) which provides resources and clarity around what products and household materials are suitable for recycling in Western Australia. We appreciate your support in this regard.

Best regards



Brad Gornall  
General Manager – WA & NT