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The Hon Peter Garrett MP

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts

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CALL FOR COMMENT ON NATIONAL WASTE POLICY

Environment Minister Peter Garrett has today invited comment on the draft *National Waste Policy Framework – Less Waste More Resources*.

“We are drawing closer to achieving a new, clearer direction for waste management – moving towards avoiding waste and actively using it as a resource,” Mr Garrett said.

“Under the leadership of the Australian Government the state and territory environment ministers will consider the new policy at their next meeting in November.

“Community response to the discussion paper that paved the way for the development of this draft national policy framework has been very encouraging.

“Through a comprehensive submission and consultation process, we now have a strong picture of the key priorities that it needs to address.”

Seven themes emerged from the consultations:

1. Taking responsibility
2. Improving the market
3. Pursuing sustainability
4. Facilitating investment
5. Reducing hazard
6. Reporting on performance
7. Tailoring solutions

“Receiving public comment on the draft framework is the next key step, and I encourage individuals, community groups, businesses, industry and governments to continue this dialogue on waste and resource recovery issues.

Comments close on Friday 31 July 2009.

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