



NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF WASTE DISPOSAL OFFICERS

## **NAWDO press statement – New Environment Secretary of State**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

[Start]

*NAWDO welcomes Emma Reynolds to the role of Secretary of State and looks forward to working with her on continuing to deliver essential policy and strategy development within the resources and waste sector.*

*It is critical that momentum is maintained on the Collection & Packaging Reforms, with the Government needing to play an ongoing role in bringing sectors together to work collaboratively on delivering change.*

*NAWDO believes that further reforms must be introduced under the Circular Economy Strategy, if the UK is to achieve a wholesale shift towards more sustainable use of raw materials and energy. NAWDO is keen to work with the new Secretary of State and her team to ensure that infrastructure can be brought forward across the country to support the Government's agenda, and would encourage Ms Reynolds to engage closely with local authorities as early as possible to understand how DEFRA's policies and plans fit into the wider context of Local Government Reform and the planned Emissions Trading Scheme.*

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**About us:**

*NAWDO, the National Association of Waste Disposal Officers, is the primary network and voice for local authorities with statutory responsibility for waste treatment and disposal. NAWDO was formed in 1992 and its members include London Boroughs, Metropolitan, Unitary, Joint Waste Disposal Authorities, Waste Partnerships and County Councils from all UK regions (except Scotland) to keep up to date with the fast-changing waste and resources industry. Through NAWDO local authorities are provided with presentation on regional, national, international and strategic forums and groups to inform, influence and collaborate with key stakeholders and policy makers. NAWDO is entirely run by volunteers and through its Policy and Advisory (P&A) Committee it sets the direction of the organisation with member engagement. With over 80 members NAWDO represents around 80% of all local authorities with waste disposal duties in the UK. NAWDO holds quarterly meetings where its members, central government, regulators, waste industry and other affiliated groups discuss and debate challenges and current developments in the waste and resources industry, helping shape and influence (future) decisions and policy. It also provides an online forum where members can openly discuss and debate current and relevant issues facing senior officers with waste treatment and disposal portfolios.*

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