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Dear Mr. Bagchi,

Thank you for the comments from Australia on the draft guidance to assist Parties in developing efficient strategies for achieving prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal.

We are pleased to acknowledge receipt and confirm that these comments shall be transmitted to the expert working group on environmentally sound management as it continues its work to develop this draft guidance for consideration by the thirteenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties. Thank you for your availability in the event that any questions arise, we will inform the group accordingly.

The continued commitment of Australia to the Basel Convention is much appreciated.

Kind regards,

Yvonne



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**To:** Yvonne Ewang

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**Subject:** RE: Request for Comments: Draft Guidance Developed by the Expert Working Group on Environmentally Sound Management [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Ms Ewang-Sanvincenti,

As requested in your letter to Focal Points dated 31 October 2016, please find our comments on

the draft guidance relating to the *Cartagena Declaration on the Prevention, Minimisation and Recovery of Hazardous Wastes and Other Wastes*.

Draft Guidance to assist Parties...

1. Section 1.2 describes informational, promotional and regulatory strategies then follows with a focus on approaches for the sectors.

The reader might find it useful to have a brief analysis of the pros and cons of the various strategies – for instance, an information strategy such as an awareness campaign can alert people to the need to minimise waste by re-using or recycling it, but may not lead to behavioural change or other desired changes. One such example is the poor uptake of recycling options following an awareness campaign, when potential recyclers perceive the necessary infrastructure (facilities, processes, etc) to recycle is not in place.

2. Section 2.1 under the two steps a) establishment of a knowledge base and b) establishment of project team

Under a), a dot point on the characteristics of waste streams and how they might be able to be co-managed or re-used (e.g. a regional approach might be found to managing several waste streams where one waste might be used to treat another waste as in using an acid waste stream to neutralise a base waste stream) would aid understanding of this issue.

Under b), someone with behavioural change expertise would be useful (second dot point would refer)

3. Section 2.3 under 'Targets'

It might be worthwhile emphasising at the end of the first paragraph that managing expectations of stakeholders with respect to any potential target is also important to a scheme's success.

4. Section 2.7 – first paragraph discusses monitoring

It might be useful to expand the first paragraph to emphasise that in tracking progress and ensuring transparency and credibility of the scheme, it is necessary to identify who will do the tracking and any verification mechanisms that might be employed (e.g. self-monitoring with the regulator able to disclose the name of the company if any non-compliance is found; government monitoring and reporting; or third party monitoring through an accreditation scheme).

If you have any questions in relation to our response, please contact either myself or Dr Greg Rippon (in cc address).

Regards

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**Subject:** Request for Comments: Draft Guidance Developed by the Expert Working Group on Environmentally Sound Management

Dear Madam, dear Sir,

Please find attached for your consideration and comment draft guidance developed by the Basel Convention expert working group on environmentally sound management. This guidance, as stated in decisions BC-12/2 and OEWG-10/3, is to assist Parties, as appropriate, in developing efficient strategies to achieve the prevention and minimization of the generation of hazardous and other wastes and their disposal.

Parties and others are invited to submit comments on the draft guidance by **15 December 2016**.

Yours faithfully,  
Secretariat of the Basel Convention