

**THE STATES OF DELIBERATION**  
**of the**  
**ISLAND OF GUERNSEY**

13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017

**Proposition P.2017/109**

**MOTION UNDER ARTICLE 7(1) OF THE REFORM (GUERNSEY) LAW, 1948**

Proposed by: Deputy E A Yerby

Seconded by: Deputy J S Merrett

To suspend Rule 24(2)(b) of the Rules of Procedure to the extent necessary to permit the amendment set out below to be debated.

**AMENDMENT**

Proposed by: Deputy E A Yerby

Seconded by: Deputy J S Merrett

**COMMITTEE *for the* ENVIRONMENT & INFRASTRUCTURE and**  
**STATES' TRADING SUPERVISORY BOARD**

**THE INERT WASTE STRATEGY AND A PROPOSAL FOR A NEW FACILITY**  
**FOR MANAGING RESIDUAL INERT WASTE**

To delete Propositions 1 to 4 and to substitute therefor:

- "1. To direct the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure and the States' Trading Supervisory Board to identify two sites from their shortlist of possible options for Inert Waste management, each to be the subject of a detailed Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Statements setting out the findings of the Assessment, as described in paragraph 7.3 of the policy letter;
2. To direct the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure and the States' Trading Supervisory Board to report back to the States with the findings of both Environmental Impact Assessments as soon as practicable, and to recommend a 'preferred way forward' for the management of inert waste in the medium term and seek States' authorisation to progress that 'preferred way forward' through the remainder of the 'Analysis and Design' stage to completion of an Outline Business Case;

3. To delegate authority to the Policy & Resources Committee to approve expenditure on the 'Analysis and Design' stage of the Inert Waste project, as identified in paragraphs 7.1 to 7.6 of the policy letter and including the simultaneous conduct of two detailed Environmental Impact Assessments (one for each of the two sites identified), up to a maximum of £1.6 million, funded from the Solid Waste Trading Account;
4. To note that the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure and the States' Trading Supervisory Board intend that an Outline Business Case will be submitted to the States for approval, consistent with the States' procurement rules and paragraph 7.4 of the policy letter, and to direct them to include in that policy letter an update on their proposed approach to delivering Inert Waste management solutions throughout the full twenty-year life of the Strategy;
5. To direct the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure and the States' Trading Supervisory Board to amend the draft strategy for managing inert waste, as set out in Appendix 1 to the policy letter, by deleting from the Waste Hierarchy for Inert Waste, as defined in the graphic following paragraph 5.3.7 of Appendix 1, the text "*including land reclamation and infilling with potential beneficial use*" where it appears under "*Recovery*", and to make any necessary consequential amendments to the text of the draft strategy; and
6. To direct the States' Trading Supervisory Board and the Committee *for the* Environment & Infrastructure to carry out, as soon as reasonably possible, any necessary steps required under section 31 of the Environmental Pollution (Guernsey) Law, 2004, in order to lay before the States a revised draft of the Waste Management Plan to replace the current Waste Management Plan approved by Resolution 1 of 1st August, 2014 on Article IX of Billet d'État No. XVI of 2014 to reflect-
  - (a) the above proposals in relation to the strategy for managing inert waste, and
  - (b) the changes approved to the detail of the Solid Waste Strategy by the Resolutions of 16th February 2017 on Article III of Billet d'État No. V of 2017."

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

Rather than focusing on one site only, this amendment directs the two Committees to take two potential inert waste management sites forward to the detailed Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) stage.

Once the EIAs have been completed, the Committees will have to return to the States and seek approval for one site to be selected as the preferred way forward. We understand that this stage of the process will take around one year.

There will potentially be a higher upfront cost, as the Committees estimate that the second EIA will cost around £500,000 (a figure which we understand will include a risk budget of around £300,000) and we have asked for P&R's delegated authority to be increased by that amount. However, it provides a much stronger fall-back plan if the Committee's current preferred site were to fall at a later gateway (such as the EIA or the need for planning permissions).

The amendment also removes "land reclamation" from the definition of "Recovery" in the Inert Waste Hierarchy. For all its benefits, land reclamation also undoubtedly has social and environmental harms, and, in our view, the proposed alteration to the Inert Waste Hierarchy artificially inflates the benefits and minimises the harms.