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Dear Darren

## Seeking advice on draft report reviewing the effectiveness of the levy

I am currently undertaking a review of the effectiveness of the waste disposal levy, as required by section 39 of the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA). As part of my review, I am required to obtain and consider the Waste Advisory Board's advice on this matter.

The report covers the period 2019/20 to 2021/22. The draft report was prepared before the recent changes to the WMA made through the Waste Minimisation (Waste Disposal Levy) Amendment Act 2024. Since it covers an earlier period, I don't consider the more recent amendments to affect the conclusions of the report.

Please find attached the draft review of the effectiveness of the levy. I would appreciate it if you and the Board could read and consider this review and discuss it at your next meeting and provide me with any appropriate feedback.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Many thanks

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Penny Simmonds'.

Hon Penny Simmonds  
**Minister for the Environment**