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While I am generally supportive of the proposed changes, Department of Planning need to consider the implications on Waste Management. The general trend seems to be to allow more and more significant developments to be either exempt or allowed without consent. However, that way local governments are completely bypassed and waste management â€" which is currently dealt with exclusively at local government level - is not addressed at all. As a result, there is no check or compliance requirement regarding demolition and construction waste management or adequacy of provision for ongoing waste management. I see this as a serious oversight in the Department of Planning. Previous feedback from the Department was that they will not issue a SEPP for Waste Management. This, however, is urgently required to ensure that waste management issues are receiving the attention that is required and demanded by all tiers of government and the general public.