1. In March 2018, the Queensland Government committed to developing a recycling, resource recovery and waste management strategy, underpinned by a waste disposal levy (the levy) that did not directly impact Queensland households. The levy is intended to act as a price signal that encourages waste avoidance and resource recovery behaviour, and discourages disposal as the first option.
2. Public consultation on the proposed strategy and levy occurred in June 2018 through the *Transforming Queensland’s Recycling and Waste Industry Directions Paper*.
3. The Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 amends the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* as follows:
4. Requiring waste disposal site operators to remit the levy to the State.
5. Identifying a levy zone and establishing the balance of the State as a non-levy zone.
6. Exempting certain waste streams such as waste from a natural disaster or asbestos.
7. Allowing recycling operators to apply for a discounted levy rate for recycling residuals.
8. Allowing waste disposal site operators to apply for payment plans and extensions to pay the levy
9. Providing for annual advance payments to local governments and requiring local governments to use the payments to mitigate any direct impact on households.
10. A Decision Regulatory Impact Statement has been developed which details reforms to the waste licensing framework under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.
11. Cabinet approved the introduction of the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018 into the Legislative Assembly.
12. Cabinet approved the public release of a Consultation Draft of the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) Amendment Regulation 2018.
13. Cabinet endorsed the *Environment Protection (Regulated Waste) Amendment Regulation 2018* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
14. Cabinet approved the public release of the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement for the reforms reflected in the *Environment Protection (Regulated Waste) Amendment Regulation 2018*.
15. *Attachments*
* [Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018](Attachments/Bill.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes - Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018](Attachments/BillExNotes.PDF)
* [Consultation Draft Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) Amendment Regulation 2018](Attachments/ConsReg.PDF)
* [*Environment Protection (Regulated Waste) Amendment Regulation 2018*](Attachments/Regulation.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes - *Environment Protection (Regulated Waste) Amendment Regulation 2018*](Attachments/RegExNotes.PDF)
* [Decision Regulatory Impact Statement – Review of the Regulated Waste Classification and Waste-Related Environmentally Relevant Activity (ERA) frameworks](Attachments/RIS.PDF)