

Waste Reduction and Recycling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

Explanatory Notes

FOR

Amendments To Be Moved During Consideration In Detail By The Honourable Leanne Linard MP

Title of the Bill

Waste Reduction and Recycling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023

Objectives of the Amendments

The objectives of the amendments are to:

- change the review date for local government waste plans from three to five years; and
- change the review date for state entity waste plans from three to five years.

The Waste Reduction and Recycling and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2023 (the Bill) proposes to change the review date for the Waste Strategy from three to five years. The proposed amendments will provide consistency with the change to the Waste Strategy review time period.

Changing the review date for the Waste Strategy, and subsequently for local governments and state entities, allows more time for the impact of policies and actions aimed at supporting implementation of the Waste Strategy to be measured.

Achievement of the Objectives

To achieve the objectives, the amendments to the Bill will insert new Clauses 19A and 19B into the Bill to change the review periods for a local government to review a local government's waste reduction and recycling plan from three to five years, and change the review period for state entity waste plans from three to five years.

Alternative Ways of Achieving Policy Objectives

There are no alternatives to achieving the objectives as the review timeframes are established in the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.

Estimated cost for Government Implementation

There are not expected to be costs to government in implementing the amendments.

Consistency with Fundamental Legislative Principles

The proposed amendments are consistent with fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

Changing the review date for local government waste plans was identified in several stakeholder submissions during the Health and Environment Committee's consideration of the Bill.

The Department of Environment and Science also identified that, in order to maintain timeframe consistency, the review period for state entities should also be changed from three to five years.

Consistency with Legislation of Other Jurisdictions

The amendments to the Bill are specific to the State of Queensland.

Notes on Provisions

Amendment 1 inserts new clause 19A into the Bill. This clause amends section 126 (Review of plan) of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* by omitting the current reference to 3 years, for the review period for a local government waste plan, and inserting 5 years.

Amendment 2 inserts new 19B into the Bill. This clause amends section 136 (Review of plan) of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* by omitting the current reference to 3 years, for the review period for a State entity's waste plan, and inserting 5 years.