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Committee Secretary
Agriculture and Environment Committee
Parliament House
George Street
BRISBANE QLD 4000

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Dear Sir/Madam

Brisbane City Council (Council) is pleased to provide a submission on the Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017.

Council supports the amendments that seek to provide a head of power for the introduction of a lightweight plastic shopping bag ban and a container refund scheme for Queensland and amend provisions in relation to End of Waste Codes to streamline and clarify administrative arrangements.

In relation to the changes proposed to the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*, Council's main concerns relate to the implementation of a container refund scheme.

Council has concerns that there may be a potential financial impact on Council's existing kerbside recycling program without any significant improvement in recycling yield. Council's extremely successful recycling program which is still required once the container refund scheme is implemented, is funded through the sale of recyclable commodities. A reduction in recyclable materials could have financial ramifications.

Council's second concern relates to ensuring that appropriate planning provisions are made to control or license community group involvement (collection points) in the scheme to ensure odour, noise and public health are adequately controlled.

Should you require any further information about Council's submission, please contact Mr Arron Lee, Manager, Waste and Resource Recovery Services, Field Services, Brisbane Infrastructure, on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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