

**Agriculture and Environment Committee**

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To the Parliamentary Inquiry Committee,

Thank you for considering this submission regarding the Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017.

The Environment Council of Central Queensland (ECoCeQ) members support the Bill, and ban on lightweight plastic shopping bags, and container refund scheme for Queensland.

We acknowledge that this initiative will hopefully reduce the amount of litter in our natural environment, and particularly that which ends up in the marine environment and the damage caused to our marine flora and fauna, and in particular the Great Barrier Reef.

We also acknowledge that individual beverage manufacturers have obligations under the scheme, and that they should contribute to the cost of recovery, and recycling of their product. We endorse the regulation that failure to comply with this requirement would preclude these manufacturers from selling their product in Queensland.

ECoCeQ also wants improved regulation of waste disposal sites, particularly in relation to capture of methane emissions, better recycling and reuse of other products (paper, metals, rare earth materials etc.) not already included in the container deposit and plastic bag schemes. ECoCeQ supports an enquiry into the storage and recycling of rubber based motor vehicle tyres.

Sincerely,

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