



17 December 2012

Agriculture, Resources and Environment Committee
Parliament House
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Dear Sir,

Submission – *Waste Reduction and Recycling Bill 2012*

The Association thanks the Queensland Parliament for the opportunity to comment on the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Bill 2012*. The contents of the Bill have been reviewed and the following comments are made:

Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011 amendments:

- The Association supports the repeal of the industry waste levy and the associated provisions in the Act.
- The removal of the provision to require weighbridges at sites receiving less than 10,000 tonnes of waste pre annum is supported.
- Removal of the “deeming table” is supported as this created significant angst amongst council officers who were required to implement the table at the gate of waste facilities.
- An extension to the date for submission of waste management plans is supported.
- The Association will work with Environment and Heritage Protection officers to determine appropriate data reporting timeframes as per page 5 of the Explanatory Notes.

Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995 amendments:

- The process undertaken by the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection to review the relevant Integrated Development Assessment System (IDAS) triggers is commended by the LGAQ.
- The Association supports the reduction of IDAS triggers associated with the *Coastal Protection and Management Act 1995*.
- The Association requests that timely advice to local government and the development industry alike is provided which outlines the changes to the IDAS triggers in a comprehensive way.



Environmental Protection (Greentape Reduction) and Other Legislation Amendment Act 2012:

- The Association is satisfied with these transitional provisions and minor drafting and administrative changes.

If you require further information, please contact Christine Blanchard, Principal Advisor Environmental Health, on telephone 3000 2243 or email christine_blanchard@lgaq.asn.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Greg Hoffman', is written over a horizontal line.

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