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Committee Secretary
Economics and Governance Committee
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Dear Sir/Madam

LGAQ Submission on the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Bill 2018*

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to assist the Economics and Governance Committee's detailed consideration of the *Mineral and Energy Resources (Financial Provisioning) Bill 2018*.

The Bill proposes to amend the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Act 2017*.

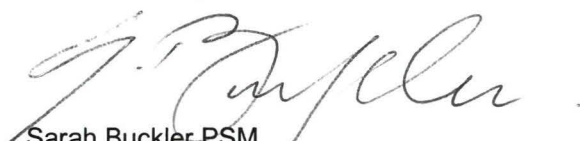
The LGAQ supports the extension to the commencement date of the Container Refund Scheme (CRS) from 1 July 2018 to 1 November 2018. The extension provides an opportunity to consider the experiences of the implementation of the container deposit scheme in New South Wales. This provides additional time to respond to the range of outstanding matters affecting Queensland including:

- i. the importance to have planning scheme consistency while ensuring local government retains the ability to manage planning processes for refund and donation facilities;
- ii. the finalisation of agreements and protocols to manage the contractual arrangements between councils and material recovery facilities;
- iii. the development of an effective and timely state-wide communication strategy;
- iv. the challenges of managing littering near refund facilities; and
- v. the importance of ensuring transparency and exchange of information (including audit results) during the rollout of the scheme.

The LGAQ actively participates as a member of the CRS Ministerial Advisory Group and is grateful for the ongoing partnership and dialogue with senior officers of the Department of Environment and Science to resolve these outstanding matters.

If you have any questions regarding the matters raised in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact [REDACTED] LGAQ - Senior Advisor – Environmental and Public Health, on [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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