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Innovation, Tourism Development and Environment Committee

By email to: itdec@parliament.qld.gov.au

To the Committee as addressed,

**RE: Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy)
and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018**

Bundaberg Regional Council respectfully asks the Committee to please consider two amendments:

Section 72K (1) e (ii)
Eligibility for bad debt credit after insolvency or bankruptcy of customer

Retain: *"The service delivery charge, excluding any component for GST, was not more than the waste levy amount."*

Delete: *"was not more than the waste levy amount".*

This is to address an anomaly that could cause unintended consequences for regional Councils outside of South East Queensland.

In the case of Bundaberg Regional Council, our charge is \$150 per tonne, which is higher than the levy amount of \$75 per tonne. In South East Queensland the landfill operator's charge is generally less than \$75 per tonne.

Section 310 (4) c (ii)
Application for approval of residue waste as exempt waste for transition period

Delete this clause: *"Payment of the waste levy on the residue waste from the applicant's recycling activity would cause the applicant financial hardship to an extent that would stop its business from operating."*

It appears the intent is to encourage efficiency gains at recycling facilities, which is commendable, however this is addressed adequately in other sections of the Bill.

By including this clause, the legislation fails to acknowledge the different contractual arrangements that exist between landfill operators and recycling facilities. In some situations it's the recycling facility that pays the residual amount and in other cases it's the local authority. For the sake of equity, it's suggested this clause be removed as doing so will have no consequential impact.

Yours sincerely,



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