




Speech By
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 **Hon. LM ENOCH** (Algester—ALP) (Minister for Environment and the Great Barrier Reef, Minister for Science and Minister for the Arts) (10.01 am): Yesterday we said we would stop the trucks, develop a comprehensive statewide waste strategy and stand up for Queensland. Today, we are taking action.

Today I can advise the House that the Recycling and Waste Management Stakeholder Advisory Group, announced yesterday, will have its first meeting on Friday. The group will consist of representatives from across the waste industry and key business groups, including the Local Government Association of Queensland, the Australian Council of Recycling, the Waste Recycling Industry Association Queensland, the Waste Management Association of Australia, Sustainable Business Australia and the Master Builders Association Queensland.

We have also provided an open invitation to the Chamber of Commerce Industry Queensland and the Australian Industry Group to be part of the stakeholder advisory group. Importantly, I have asked the Local Government Association of Queensland to ensure there is regional representation on this very important stakeholder advisory group in the future. I will also be urging other group members who hold a statewide role to ensure they seek feedback from their regional membership. The group will also ensure there are appropriate opportunities for regional communities and businesses to engage with this consultation process.

Make no mistake: we will stop the trucks. We are committed to this action and committed to fixing the mistakes of the former LNP government and we have received positive stakeholder feedback. The Waste Management Association of Australia welcomed our announcement yesterday. CEO Gayle Sloan said 'this is a real opportunity to create local jobs and investment in this essential sector'. Mark Venhoek from waste management company Suez tweeted—

Very, very encouraging news the Queensland Government intends to bring the landfill levy back. This will stop crazy waste movements.

Dr Tim Seelig from the Queensland Conservation Council said—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr SPEAKER: Please pause for a moment, Minister. Members to my left, your interjections are not being taken by the minister. I find them to be disruptive. I ask that you listen. If you have a question for the minister, you may ask that question during question time.

Ms ENOCH: Dr Tim Seelig from the Queensland Conservation Council said—

We welcome news that Queensland will restore a Waste Levy. Queensland needs to deal with the current situation of massive over-the-border-sourced rubbish dumping in the state. A Waste Levy will be an important measure to remove the driver of such waste disposal.

As we heard from the Premier earlier, yesterday the Tweed Shire Council, just across the border, said that transporting waste from New South Wales to Queensland had 'delayed the significant cost to expand its Stotts Creek site'. The Tweed Shire Council in New South Wales will now have to take care of its own waste. It will not be using Queensland as its dumping ground.