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Resource Recovery Industry Development Program

 **Hon. CR DICK** (Woodridge—ALP) (Minister for State Development, Manufacturing, Infrastructure and Planning) (9.43 am): I am pleased to inform the House that the Palaszczuk government's \$100 million plan to turn Queensland's trash into job-creating treasure is attracting overwhelming interest from industry. I am pleased to announce that applications for a second round of \$15 million in funding under the Resource Recovery Industry Development Program opens today. This funding program is a Queensland first, supporting projects and businesses that divert waste from landfill, reduce stockpiling and create jobs. More than 120 expressions of interest were received from right across the state for the first round of stream 1 of RRIDP funding.

Research tells us that for every 10,000 tonnes of waste recycled, more than nine jobs can be supported, tripling the number of jobs supported by dumping waste into landfill. Under the RRIDP, dollar-for-dollar capital grants of between \$50,000 and \$5 million are propelling development of this growing high-value industry, creating more jobs for Queenslanders.

We are accelerating resource recovery in Queensland and we have been very pleased with the response to round 1, which demonstrates the interest and capacity for the development of this industry. Nine contracts have now been finalised, with a total of \$6.66 million invested in resource recovery projects. Through these nine projects alone, we will see almost 290,000 tonnes of waste per annum diverted from landfill and more than 50 new jobs created.

Today, I can advise the House the most recent funding recipients under the first round. Impact Washing is receiving \$253,000 to boost the volume of high-density polyethylene plastics it reprocesses into clean flake product for commercial and industrial use. This funding will contribute to Impact Washing's \$1 million expansion, which will divert an additional 3,732 tonnes of waste each year from landfill and create around seven new jobs at their Stapylton plant. Stanley Asphalt, whose head office is in Brendale, will receive \$2 million towards an almost \$19 million project, establishing Queensland's first-ever asphalt recycling facility at Tivoli, creating 16 jobs along the way. Cleanaway at Hervey Bay is receiving \$155,000 towards a \$334,000 upgrade of the company's materials recovery facility, boosting the recovery of recyclables from kerbside collections, diverting 1,274 tonnes per annum and delivering more jobs.

The RRIDP is a key action of the *Queensland resource recovery industries: 10-year roadmap and action plan*. Today, I am pleased to release the final plan, a copy of which I table for the benefit of honourable members, following a comprehensive consultation process with industry and the community.

Tabled paper: Queensland Resource Recovery Industries report, dated August 2019, titled '10-year Roadmap and Action Plan' [1329](#).

While we have already been getting on with the job of supporting and accelerating this industry through the development program, the finalisation of the road map and action plan sets out our 10-year strategy to divert more waste away from landfill, create new jobs in resource recovery and build a stronger and more sustainable economy. This is just the start of Queensland's journey towards a zero-waste future and creating hundreds of jobs for Queenslanders along the way.