




Speech By
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ADJOURNMENT

Dakabin Waste Management Facility

 **Ms BOYD** (Pine Rivers—ALP) (6.15 pm): We on this side of the House are committed to making sure that our environment is the best place to live and we are proud of our environmental agenda that we have implemented, be it the banning of the single-use plastic bag, the container deposit recycling scheme or the recent introduction of the waste levy. The efficient operation of our waste reduction schemes relies heavily on the continued goodwill and cooperation of all in our community.

I want to bring to the House's attention the situation that we are presently faced with in the Moreton Bay Regional Council area, and it was highlighted very succinctly by a constituent who wrote to me only this morning, Tim Barber from Bray Park. He writes—

I am very pleased that better State legislation has been introduced to reduce landfill, but the change seems to have been implemented very poorly in our locality. The waiting time at the Dakabin waste disposal facility is extraordinarily long.

I hope that a representative from your office can review the council's online statistics, or better still take a 'dry run' to the Dakabin tip to see first hand the chaotic effect of the new laws, and see what can be done to assist council.

If these delays are occurring at waste disposal facilities statewide then the productivity of businesses/Tradespeople must surely be reduced by this new procedure and the time wasted in queues.

As a resident ratepayer (not a tradesperson) I'm fairly easy going, but the inefficiency of the new process is extraordinary. Since the implementation of the new laws (regarding dumping of waste) the queues at the Dakabin waste disposal site have been so long that I have simply turned away on a number of occasions. I have not successfully deposited any rubbish at the tip since the new process was implemented.

I imagine that the stakeholders (like the council) were made aware of the impending changes to the laws, but lacked sufficient resources (or adequate notice) to duplicate the weighbridge, which seems to be at the centre of the delays. Perhaps your level of government could support the newly implemented law with some practical/financial assistance to council to get the process working properly?

I table that letter for the benefit of the House.

Tabled paper: Email, dated 19 September 2019, from Tim and Bronwyn Barber to the member for Pine Rivers, Ms Nikki Boyd MP, regarding waste disposal [1574](#).

I am pleased to notify the House that the state government has in fact invested that money. We have provided the Moreton Bay Regional Council with some \$15 million and the opportunity to access an array of different grants to ensure that it has the infrastructure and facilities to prevent delays like this happening at its local facilities. I have also noted with interest that residents in other local government jurisdictions are not experiencing the delays that are happening at our tip because of different and simplified practices that are making processes far less onerous than what we see in Moreton Bay and simpler for residents to use. This evening I take this opportunity to offer to work with that council even further to reduce those delays and the queues that we are seeing at our tip because it is not good enough for our residents.