

## Question on Notice

No. 449

Asked on Wednesday, 2 May 2018

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF, MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND MINISTER FOR THE ARTS (HON L ENOCH)—

QUESTION:

With reference to the numerous recent announcements on the proposed reintroduction of a waste levy, the establishment of a stakeholder reference group to design that levy and its implementation program, and the government's stated intention to bring forward the waste levy—

Will the Minister advise on (a) the status of the development and implementation of Queensland's waste strategy and levy, (b) whether it will still involve a collaborative and consultative process and (c) when the waste levy will come into effect?

ANSWER:

I thank the Honourable Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government remains committed to a comprehensive new waste and recycling strategy for Queensland, underpinned by a waste disposal levy. The Government has made a clear commitment that following the introduction of a levy, it will not cost Queenslanders more to put out their wheelie bin.

When the former LNP Government repealed Queensland's waste levy in 2012, they robbed our state of the opportunity to invest in recycling and resource recovery, and left Queensland to be the only mainland state without a waste levy.

In developing a new waste strategy, the Government has formed a Recycling and Waste Management Stakeholder Advisory Group, which consists of representatives from key industry and stakeholder groups including the Local Government Association of Queensland, the Waste Recycling Industry Association and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry Queensland.

Today I have released the Transforming Queensland's Recycling and Waste Industry Directions Paper, which is open for public consultation until 29 June 2019.