

## **Question on Notice**

**No. 1344**

**Asked on Thursday, 10 November 2022**

**MS S BOLTON** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND YOUTH AFFAIRS (HON M SCANLON)—

### **QUESTION:**

With reference to the government's Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy strategic priority of reducing the impact of waste on the environment and communities—

Will the Minister report on the development of a government action plan targeting e-products including solar panels and wind turbine blades?

### **ANSWER:**

I thank the Member for the question.

The Palaszczuk Government \$62 billion Energy and Jobs plan includes funding to help investigate end-of-life recycling and manufacturing of renewable energy components. This will complement the Advanced Manufacturing 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan 2022–26 to support manufacturers to grow with more local content on renewable energy projects.

In parallel, the Palaszczuk Government is fast-tracking Queensland's transition to a zero-waste state through the \$1.1 billion Recycling and Jobs Fund. This is the largest investment into recycling in Queensland's history and will drive increased recycling, build new resource recovery infrastructure, and create more good jobs across the state.

Queensland's Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy identifies e-waste, which includes solar panels, as a priority end-of-life material and I can advise that the Department of Environment and Science has partnered with the Ewaste Watch Institute to develop a draft e-Products Action Plan for Queensland. I look forward to soon releasing the draft plan for public consultation.