

## Question on Notice

No. 700

Asked on Thursday, 23 May 2024

**MR M BERKMAN** ASKED THE MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE GREAT BARRIER REEF AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON L LINARD)—

### QUESTION:

With reference to the government's five year roadmap for action on single use plastics—

Will the Minister advise (a) if national agreement is not reached this year for a ban on items including bread bag tags, single-use produce bags, polystyrene trays, plastic drinking cups and takeaway containers, will Queensland still proceed and (b) what customer incentives the government is investigating to encourage sustainable alternatives to takeaway coffee cups and lids?

### ANSWER:

The Queensland Government remains committed to reducing the environmental and economic impacts from plastic waste and pollution.

(a) Queensland has a clear published roadmap to guide future action on single-use plastic items to revert to.

As part of such consultation, the Queensland Government would look at a range of options that may incentivise behaviour change, including uptake of reusable or recyclable alternatives to takeaway coffee cups and lids.

(b) In 2023 the Queensland Government ran the Beyond Cups Innovation Challenge, which identified potential solutions to reduce the impacts of single-use coffee cups, lids and similarly constructed containers. The Beyond Cups initiative is continuing with the successful candidates on schedule to deliver proof of concept of their solutions later in 2024.