

Question on Notice

No. 442

Asked on Wednesday, 30 April 2025

MS S BOLTON ASKED MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT AND TOURISM AND MINISTER FOR SCIENCE AND INNOVATION (HON A POWELL)—

QUESTION:

With reference to major clean-ups being undertaken again on our shores of plastics such as bottle caps after the floods and storms—

Will the Minister advise what the government will be introducing to mitigate this including in the refusing, reducing, reusing and recycling realms?

ANSWER:

The Crisafulli Government is committed to reducing litter across our natural environment, sending less waste to landfill and boosting recycling rates.

The Crisafulli Government has commenced work on our election commitment of Zero Litter to the Bay by 2030, which will provide \$35 million to work with local governments to upgrade the stormwater network through the installation of specialist filtration devices that stop plastics from entering Moreton Bay.

On 1 May 2025, the Crisafulli Government released a draft new *Queensland Waste Strategy 2025-2030 – Less Landfill, More Recycling* for consultation. Consultation is open for eight weeks until 26 June 2025. The draft new Queensland Waste Strategy identifies the benefits of reducing, reusing and recycling to growing the economy, supporting jobs, reducing the cost of living and reducing environmental impacts.

Alongside the release of the draft new Queensland Waste Strategy, the Crisafulli Government also announced the establishment of a \$130 million Resource Recovery Boost Fund. This fund will support councils to implement priority actions and infrastructure to reduce waste to landfill, increase recycling and reduce littering.