

Impact Analysis Statement template

Summary IAS

Details

Lead department	Department of Environment and Science
Name of the proposal	Regulated levy exemption for residue waste disposal from Material Recovery Facilities and glass beneficiation and processing plants
Submission type	Summary IAS
Title of related legislative or regulatory instrument	Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2023
Date	18 October 2023

Proposal type	Details
Minor and machinery in nature	<p>This proposal is minor and has negligible regulatory costs.</p> <p>The proposal provides for continuation of current decision-based arrangements for a levy exemption for the disposal of residue waste from Material Recovery Facilities (MRF) and provides for the inclusion of residue waste from glass beneficiation plants.</p> <p>The proposed action to provide the exemption through regulation does not result in a substantive change to policy or policy intent, nor does it apply new or additional impacts for businesses, local governments or the community.</p> <p>The proposal provides certainty for operators and the local governments serviced by and contracted with these facilities by providing a permanent exemption framework that promotes cost effectiveness of material separation for recycling, rather than the current ad hoc arrangement that relies on a chief executive decision to give effect to the exemption.</p> <p>The regulatory exemption provisions will not impose requirements on operators that are not already provided for under the current section 35 declaration arrangements.</p> <p>Providing a levy exemption for residue waste from MRF and glass beneficiation plant operations reduces costs to local governments who provide a kerbside recyclable material collection service, which in turn reduces the cost of the service to households and businesses.</p> <p>Discussions have been held with the peak waste management and resource recovery and local government bodies and individual local governments and MRF operators. Feedback provided strong support for a permanent regulated approach that provided certainty and a level playing field for operators.</p> <p>The proposal also provides a transitional period by inserting a date by when the application of the metropolitan levy rate must be applied to waste generated outside non-levy zone (e.g. interstate waste) and delivered to a disposal site in in Queensland.</p>

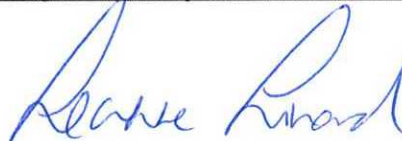
	<p>Amendments clarifying the rate of the levy to be applied where the levy zone in which the waste is generated differs from the levy zone it is disposed into were made as part of the remake of the sunseting Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011.</p> <p>However, the inclusion of a date of transition for the application of the metropolitan levy rate for waste generated outside the non-levy zone and disposed into the non-levy zone was overlooked. This proposal corrects that oversight.</p>
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*Refer to *The Queensland Government Better Regulation Policy* for regulatory proposals not requiring regulatory impact analysis (for example, public sector management, changes to existing criminal laws, taxation).



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