1. In March 2018, the Queensland Government committed to developing a recycling, resource recovery and waste management strategy, underpinned by a waste disposal levy (the levy) that did not directly impact Queensland households. The levy is intended to act as a price signal that encourages waste avoidance and resource recovery behaviour and discourages disposal as the first option.
2. The *Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) Amendment Act 2019* was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 14 February 2019 and received assent on 21 February 2019.
3. A consultation draft of the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) Amendment Regulation 2019 (the Regulation) was tabled in Parliament when the Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2018(the Bill) was introduced, so that stakeholders could consider the proposed legislative scheme to implement the levy as a whole. Submissions to the Department of Environment and Science on the consultation draft of the Regulation were invited and 27 submissions were received. Many submissions to the Parliamentary Committee inquiry into the Bill also commented on issues covered by the consultation draft of the Regulation and were taken into account in developing the final Regulation.
4. The Regulation provides important details on key aspects of the waste levy, including the annual payment to local governments, waste levy zone, levy rate and recycling residue discounts:
	* a levy rate increment of $5 on 1 July 2020 and 1 July 2021;
	* Goondiwindi in the waste levy zone;
	* the formula for calculating annual payments to local government; and
	* recycling activities eligible to apply for a levy discount on recycling residue waste.
5. Cabinet endorsed that the *Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) Amendment Regulation 2019* be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
6. Attachments
* [*Waste Reduction and Recycling (Waste Levy) Amendment Regulation 2019*](Attachments/Regulation.PDF)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/ExNotes.PDF)