



# WASTE AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY TRANSFORMATION POLICY DIRECTIVE



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Ipswich

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This policy directive, endorsed by Ipswich City Council on 3 December 2020, will guide Council's strategic and operational approach to managing and influencing systemic changes across waste, resource recovery, recycling and the circular economy to deliver better outcomes for the City of Ipswich and its residents towards 2030.

## Establish a Waste Code of Practice

To achieve better outcomes for our community, we will guide best practice among waste producers and operators by creating and implementing an Ipswich Waste Code of Practice in partnership with key stakeholders.

## Drive Industry Best Practice

We will create and adopt a diverse range of policies and measures which we will use to: advocate for other levels of Government to deliver legislative reform, drive industry transformation, and guide Ipswich City Council to deliver best practice waste management services on behalf of our community.

## Strong Compliance Culture

We will use the full power of Council's policy and legal instruments to drive performance improvements of waste management operations within our communities. We will monitor and enforce approval conditions with greater diligence and we will hold the State Government to account to take greater action on matters for which it is responsible.

## Strategic and Sequenced Remediation

We will advocate for and seek to ensure the orderly sequencing and proper remediation of mining voids and end-of-life sites across the Ipswich local government area, and seek for a range of alternate remediation options to be considered. Strategic sequencing will be based on infrastructure, topographical, environmental and social opportunities and constraints. We will proactively seek appropriate investment and funding to ensure community benefits are realised from site remediation.

## Protect Our Residential Amenity

We will actively discourage new waste industry developments in close proximity to residential areas where it is clear the development impacts will not be manageable onsite and will negatively detract from amenity. At the same time we will discourage residential encroachment in close proximity to areas designated for future industrial development.

## Partnering and Collaboration

We will lead and work collaboratively with all levels of government and SEQ Councils to transform the region's management of waste streams from linear to a circular 'recycle-reuse-remake' solution to achieve an overall reduction of waste going to landfill in Ipswich.

## Lead by Example

We will investigate and progressively adopt relevant best practice waste collection and management solutions; and we will provide clear market signals and explicit benchmarks so best-practice commercial operators will invest in Ipswich with confidence.

## Leverage Waste Industry Opportunities

We will seek to influence State and Commonwealth waste management policies and strategies and we will align our current and future waste management activities and attract funding so we can leverage industry development opportunities.

## Create a Better Return for Ipswich

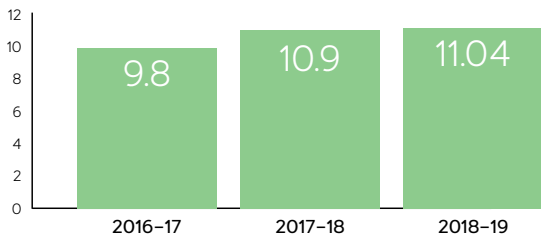
We will advocate for fair and equitable compensation, investment and benefits proportionate to the waste volumes processed in Ipswich from both industry and other levels of government.

## Plan for the Future

Through policy intervention and industry collaboration we will ensure that all landfill and waste processing sites, once they are closed, do not leave a negative legacy impact on the city or our residents.

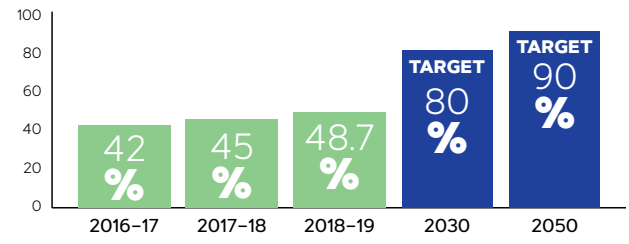
# STATE OF WASTE IN QUEENSLAND

Every year the amount of waste Queensland produce increases



million tonnes of headline waste

Significant systematic change is required to meet landfill diversion targets



overall recovery rates for headline waste

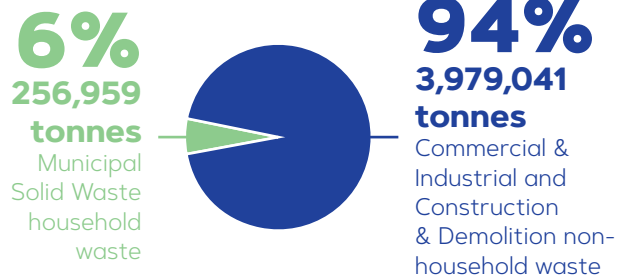
## THE IPSWICH STORY

**42%** Queensland's waste disposed of in Ipswich (2019-20)

Waste to landfill in Ipswich (2018-19)



**8,517** community reports received by the Odour Abatement Taskforce in relation to odour, dust and environmental issues in the Swanbank Industrial Area. (DES, 30 November 2020)



Distribution of waste streams across private landfills in Ipswich (2018-19)

## CURRENT WASTE INDUSTRY IN IPSWICH

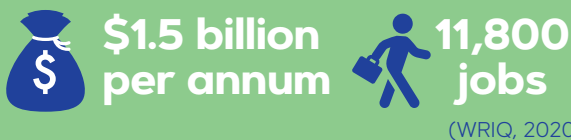
**Swanbank & Willowbank Industrial Areas**

- 8 private landfills
- 2 private composting facilities
- 2 tyre recycling facilities

**Ipswich City Council**

- 2 refuse collection and transfer stations

The Queensland Waste and Resource Recovery Industry is valued at



## ANNUAL RESIDENTIAL WASTE SNAPSHOT

**57,608 tonnes** of general waste to landfill

**9,129 tonnes** of recycling to resource recovery facilities

**4,869 tonnes** of green waste to composters





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