



# WASTE FORUM

Not a moment to waste  
— 10 years to transition  
to a circular economy

## Program

**4th – 6th**  
**JULY 2022**  
Royal International  
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# Welcome to LGAQ's Waste Forum 2022

Welcome to the Local Government Association of Queensland's (LGAQ) 2022 Waste Forum in Brisbane.

This year we will mark the seventh waste forum hosted by the LGAQ since our inaugural event held in June 2018. These forums represent a continuation of our commitment to bring councils together to discuss all things waste management and resource recovery. With recent announcements and progressing agendas at a Federal and State level, it has never been more important for our elected members, senior officers and industry to come together and discuss waste.

This year's Forum will see a significant change in focus, with a shift away from a dedicated forum for local government and a move towards a broader focus that highlights the importance of all tiers of government working alongside our waste management and resource recovery industry partners.

With the recent **Recycling and Jobs Fund** announcement late last year, the State Government has provided the much sought after certainty needed to transition towards a circular economy future and a clear timeline to plan and deliver both meaningful and sustainable outcomes over the next 10 years.

The theme, **Not a moment to waste – 10 years to transition to a circular economy**, captures both the urgency and importance of the need for partnerships between all tiers of government working alongside our key industry partners.

Announced changes to the way annual payments to local governments are made, and the introduction of a differentiated levy zone and incremental increases to the waste levy, will help re-shape the waste management and resource recovery framework in Queensland. The biggest driver for investment and market certainty is the Queensland Government's commitment to the delivery of \$1.1 billion over the next 10-years through the Recycling and Jobs Fund.

With the publication of the Queensland Organics Strategy and Implementation plan, and the current review of the Queensland Waste Strategy, it has never been more important to come together with industry to map out this future.

The commitment from the State Government to support the development of Regional Waste Management Plans across all nine Queensland regions will provide the local focus needed to progress this agenda, with a clear remit to include industry in this greater granularity.

The Forum has moved to a three-day event, and now reflects the breadth of topics for discussion and the importance placed on the opportunity to network across all tiers of government and industry.



Organic waste, regional planning, Queensland Waste Strategy, circular economy, product stewardship and compliance approaches will be front and centre of our discussions.

Workshops on the review of the Queensland Waste Strategy and circular economy will provide you with first-hand input and a chance to discuss two key agendas. You will also have the opportunity to hear from some of our key industry leaders including Gayle Sloan (WMRR), Rose Read (Product Stewardship Centre of Excellence) and Georgina Davis (WRIQ).

We are excited to announce that we have commitments from both the Federal and State government to attend and provide timely updates on their key waste management and resource recovery priorities at both a national and state level.

With the Recycling and Jobs Fund announcement, the Hon Meaghan Scanlon MP, Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and the Minister for Science and Youth Affairs, will be in attendance to discuss the State Government's priorities for 2022 and beyond.

By the time this forum is held in early July, we will have a newly elected Federal Government who we hope will be able to attend and give insight into their initial plans for the waste and resource recovery sector.

This provides Queensland's local government and industry with the potential to hear firsthand and potentially influence the resource recovery agenda for the coming three years.

I encourage you to make the most of your time together in Brisbane, not just by learning from the array of speakers and presentations, but also through the opportunities to meet and network with councils, industry associations and colleagues from across Queensland and interstate.



**Mayor Mark Jamieson**

President, Local Government Association of Queensland  
Mayor, Sunshine Coast Council

# DAY 1

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

11.30am

**Registration and lunch**

12.30pm

**Welcome**  
*Alison Smith, CEO*  
LGAQ

12.45pm

**Keynote: Australia's waste journey after  
China sword**  
*Representative of the new Federal Government*

1:00pm

**National update – Federal Government  
perspective**  
*Cameron Hutchison Assistant Secretary*  
Waste Policy and Planning Branch, Department of Climate  
Change, Energy, the Environment and Water

1:30pm

**National update on product stewardship**  
*Rose Read, Director*  
Product Stewardship Centre of Excellence

2:10pm

**SEQ Waste Update**  
*Mayor Greg Christensen*  
Scenic Rim Regional Council

2:30pm

**More than the sum of our pipes – Moving beyond  
reuse to deliver a Circular Economy**  
*Matthew Magee, General Manager*  
Water Ventures, Urban Utilities

2:50pm

**Sponsor address: Telstra**

3.00pm

**AFTERNOON TEA**

3:30pm

**Product Stewardship – Queensland  
E-Products Action Plan**  
*John Gertsakis, Director*  
Ewaste Watch Institute

4:00pm

**Our journey so far – 6 billion containers and  
counting**  
*Adam Nicholson, Manager External Affairs*  
Container Exchange (COEX)

4:30pm

**Infrastructure and waste management  
compliance in Queensland**  
*Brad Wirth, Executive Director*  
Waste, Development and Southeast Compliance,  
Department of Environment and Science (DES)

5:00pm–6:30pm

**Networking drinks**  
*Sponsored by Re.Group*



# DAY 2

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

8:30am

**Registration – Tea and coffee on arrival**

9:00am

**Keynote: Queensland's unique opportunity in resource recovery**

***The Honourable Meaghan Scanlon MP***

Minister for the Environment and the Great Barrier Reef and the Minister for Science and Youth Affairs

9:25am

**Queensland's resource recovery agenda**

***Dr Karen Hussey, Deputy Director-General***

Department of Environment and Science

9:50am

**How to reach 80% recovery rate, working with municipal, industrial and construction resources**

***Gayle Sloan, CEO***

Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association of Australia (WMRR)

10:20am

**Sponsor address: Brighter Super**

***Matthew Hogno,***

Manager Stakeholder Engagement

10:25am

**MORNING TEA**

11:00am

**Learning from experience: Integrating the circular economy in local government**

***Dr Nicole Garofano, Head of Circular Economy Development***

Planet Ark

***George Osborne, Manager Economic Development***

Hume City Council

***Scott Bryant, Circular Economy Coordinator***

City of Greater Bendigo

From the cape to the coast, from Mt Isa to Mackay, how to transition our economy to a circular one is a discussion all around the state. Join Dr Nicole Garofano, the Head of Circular Economy at Planet Ark, and thought leaders from local government already implementing circular economy in Australia, as they explore the ins and outs, the pitfalls and opportunities ahead for Queensland's communities. This discussion and activity will explore the foundation of what makes the circular economy and what community leaders can do to amplify the message – with the State Government aiming to focus their updated strategy on this notion, it is a discussion we all need to be part of.

# DAY 2

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

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12:25pm

#### **Sponsor address: Hastings Deering**

**Bassem Ibrahim, Forestry/Waste/Recycling Consultant**  
ANZP/SEA Region Caterpillar Global Construction & Infrastructure

12:30pm

#### **LUNCH**

1:30pm

#### **Queensland's Organics Strategy and Action Plan**

**Kylie Hughes, Director**  
Waste Policy and Legislation, Office of Resource Recovery,  
Department of Environment and Science

2:00pm

#### **FOGO trials – turning the learnings into reality**

**Christine Blanchard, Manager Waste Services**  
Lockyer Valley Regional Council

**David McAlister, Resource Recovery Manager**  
Ipswich City Council

**Matthew McCarthy, Waste and Resource Recovery Manager**  
Townsville City Council

**George Meacham, Coordinator Strategy and Education**  
Rockhampton Regional Council

2:40pm

#### **NO SPACE FOR WASTE – HotRot composting solutions for a remote community embracing innovation and the Circular Economy**

**Peter 'PJ' Wilson, Team Leader Waste and Environment**  
Norfolk Island Regional Council

3:00pm

#### **AFTERNOON TEA**



# DAY 2 Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

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3:30pm

### **Organics workshop: behaviour change, product development and industry investment**

*Facilitated by Donna Lo Bartolo Shiel*

**Greg Whitehead, Qld Chair and Director of AORA**, Candy Soil  
**Cara McNicol, Manager**, Office of Resource Recovery, DES  
**Matthew McCarthy, Team Manager**, Townsville City Council  
**Gayle Sloan, Chief Executive Officer**, WMRR

Without question, Queensland has a lot of ground to make up when it comes to the organics conversation. We have started down this path with the release of the Organics Strategy and Action Plan. With the State Government, industries and communities committing to work together, we can deliver significant, fit-for-purpose solutions for all Queenslanders. Along the way we can learn from the successes – and mistakes – of others on our way to becoming national leaders for improved organics management.

Join experts in their field to explore the key decisions and practical approaches that we can – and should – make now to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive roll-out of organics solutions. In this session, industry and government leaders will challenge current thinking to better understand the minefield of issues facing the implementation of solutions to improve management of organics. Topics for discussion will include community engagement to ensure sustained behaviour change, tackling the contamination conundrum, regulation and planning: barriers or opportunities, investment attraction through partnerships to better understand the processing industry's needs, and building robust end markets.

This session will explore the latest insights, lessons learnt from across the country, and what the future holds for Queensland. Whether it is about avoiding food waste, introducing place-based solutions for garden organics (and just what do we do with those palm fronds?), finding value-add options for agricultural production losses, or diverting more edible food to alleviate the growing issue of food insecurity, the organics discussions touches all our lives at some point. Understanding the pathways to improved management is the first step.

5:00pm

### **CLOSE OF DAY 2**

6:00pm–9:00pm

**Networking dinner**  
**Stockmen's Bar and Grill**  
*Sponsored by Resource Innovations*



# DAY 3

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2022

8:00am

### Registration

#### Networking breakfast

*Join fellow attendees for a hearty breakfast*

Sponsored by Cleanaway

8:45am

### Welcome

8:50am

### Growing industry in Queensland

**Mark Tierney, Executive Director**

Industry Development, State Development, Department of State Development

9:15am

### Queensland industry perspective

**Dr Georgina Davis, CEO**

Waste Recycling Industry Association Queensland (WRIQ)

9:45am

### Lessons learnt from Rockhampton MRF fire

**Adam Smith, Director of Claims**

LMI Group

10:20am

### Sponsor address: iQ Renew

10:30am

### MORNING TEA

11:00am

### Queensland Waste Strategy Review

**Kylie Hughes, Director**

Waste Policy and Legislation, Office of Resource Recovery, Department of Environment and Science

11:20am

### Reimagining a Queensland Waste Strategy

**Facilitated by Simon Hausler, Project Manager**

Waste and Policy Legislation, Office of Resource Recovery, Department of Environment and Science

Queensland's Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy and the Waste Levy efficacy are up for review.

Councils and industry across the state are wise to take this opportunity to shape the future of resource recovery in the state, working with the State Government to deliver a strategy that provides direction and certainty for all Queensland. The review will have clear, meaningful and achievable goals that respond to emerging waste streams, drive the circular economy and be underpinned by the development of regional waste plans.

Discuss with leaders of industry and government in this interactive panel session how we can make meaningful steps on this 10 year journey, with the State Government as your audience.

12:45pm

### Wrap up and close

# Registration: (GST inclusive)

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**A full and corporate registration includes networking drinks**

- ▶ Full registration (Queensland member councils) **\$550.00**
  - ▶ Corporate registration (industry) **\$1,000.00**
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**Optional function:**

- ▶ Dinner registration **\$120.00**

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