



In 2023-24 Queensland recovered a total of 5.6 million tonnes of headline wastes for recycling, thanks to the collective efforts of Queensland people, businesses, industries, governments and local communities. That's the equivalent weight of roughly 500,000 kerbside collection trucks.

Awareness raising initiatives like National Recycling Week are a valuable reminder that the small daily actions we all take to ensure more of what can be recycled, is recycled, can make a big difference in boosting recycling rates and reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfill over time.

Practicing correct recycling, more often, in more everyday contexts, not only helps the environment; but also contributes to creating more jobs and new opportunities for economic growth that benefit people and communities across Queensland.

One way you can help, is by regularly check your knowledge on how to correctly recycle or dispose of items in your area, by contacting your local Council or asking a mate - [Recycle Mate](#)

**Thank you for continuing to champion recycling in your household, workplace, business, industry or local community.**

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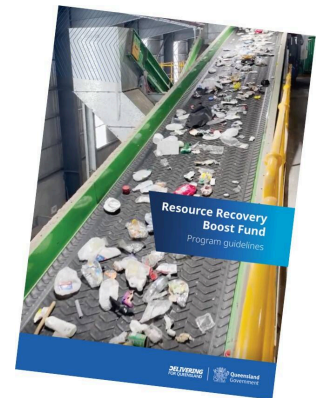
## Queensland Councils to share in \$130 million for resource recovery projects

The [Resource Recovery Boost Fund](#) is a \$130 million program providing grants to Queensland councils to undertake projects that address local and regional resource recovery priorities, increase recycling rates, and contribute to reducing the amount of waste Queensland sends to landfill each year.

Applications for the first round of funding are now open, which will see \$60 million made available to Queensland Councils across two funding streams (small projects and major projects).

Refer to the RRBf [program guidelines](#) or the Frequently Asked Questions on the [Queensland Government website](#) for more information.

The Resource Recovery Boost Fund will complement other funding programs, such as the [Growing the Recovery of Organic Waste via Food Organic and Garden Organics \(GROW FOGO\) fund](#) which to date has funded almost half a million new green bins and diverted more than 100,000 tonnes of organic waste from landfill.



[Learn more](#)

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## Driving change: Let's Get it Sorted Partnership Program

Since its inception in 2024, the [Let's Get it Sorted \(LGIS\) Partnership Program](#) has delivered more than \$5.8 million in funding to 25 local councils across Queensland - reaching more than one million households through localised education and behaviour change initiatives.

Program funding has enabled local councils to implement targeted behaviour change interventions to address specific challenges in their communities.

This includes bin tagging programs in 10 regions, the introduction of new kerbside recycling services in two areas, and ongoing community engagement through social media campaigns, school programs, and local events.

To date, participating councils have implemented more than 600 LGIS communications materials across their community, ensuring consistent messaging state-wide to improve attitudes and behaviours towards correct recycling and disposal of items in kerbside bins at a local level.

Additionally, waste audits and data collection activities, conducted to evaluate the program's impact, are nearing completion, offering critical insights to guide future strategies.

The LGIS Partnership Program exemplifies Queensland's united effort—residents, councils, businesses, and government agencies working together to optimise recycling, reduce contamination, and minimise waste sent to landfill.

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## Recycle Mate partnership extended

The Queensland Government is investing \$2.4 million to extend a partnership with [Recycle Mate](#) - a dynamic platform that gives people quick advice on how to correctly dispose of and recycle used household items, based on their location.

The three-year extension allows participating Queensland councils to provide their local communities with reliable information on local and safe disposal opportunities for all types of waste, helping to drive better behaviours to reduce waste and boost recycling. The data collected through Recycle Mate throughout Queensland also helps identify where there are gaps in recycling options for different waste types, helping inform future investment in new recycling infrastructure and services.

Recycle Mate was established by the [Australian Council of Recycling \(ACOR\)](#) - the peak body representing Australia's resource, recovery, remanufacturing and recycling sector- and is delivered by Adaptation Environmental.

Download the free Recycle Mate app to learn how to recycle or dispose of any item.

[Learn more](#)

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## High risk weather preparation for operators

To help operators prepare and be ready to respond to high-risk weather events, DETSI has

published a series of short, recorded webinars online on a [dedicated high-risk weather preparation webpage](#).

These webinars provide operators with information about their obligations during high-risk weather events.

From our experience in previous high-risk weather seasons, sites that are well prepared and have their high-risk weather season contingencies in place, tend to manage much better during significant weather events and are also less likely to attract an enforcement response from the department.

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## Submissions for new End of Waste (EOW) codes

The Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) invites submissions to the chief executive about any particular waste for which an EOW code should be prepared under the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011.

Submissions will help inform the development of future EOW codes where there is strong industry demand.

**Submissions close at 5pm on Friday 30 January 2026.**

More information on the EOW framework and a list of approved EOW codes is available [online](#).

Should you have any further enquiries, please email [RRS.Consultation@detsi.qld.gov.au](mailto:RRS.Consultation@detsi.qld.gov.au)

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