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Funding and Grants

Resource Recovery Boost Fund

Applications for Stream 2 (Major Projects) have been extended and will now close at 3pm 12 February 2026.

The Fund will provide grants to Queensland councils to undertake infrastructure 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.

The first funding round will see \$60 million made available to eligible applicants across two funding streams. Applications for stream 1 are closed and are currently under assessment.

Find out more: [Queensland Government website](#)

Zero Litter to the Bay Program

Applications close 4pm Tuesday 31 March 2026.

Eligible councils can now apply to receive a share in \$35 million to install new filtration devices on major stormwater drains to stop plastics from entering Moreton Bay and impacting marine wildlife.

The program will remove an estimated 6000 wheelie bins' worth of plastic and litter from Moreton Bay each year by installing new stormwater treatment assets to build on the missing links of the existing network, focusing on high litter generating areas.

Find out more: [Queensland Government website](#)

Local Government Battery Collection Program funded recipients

14 councils will share in more than \$1 million in funding.

The Local Government Battery Collection Program is delivering 88 new permanent battery collection points, 3 mobile collection services and 28 temporary 'pop-up' locations across Queensland – practical options for Queenslanders to safely dispose of batteries and electronic items across the state.

The Program is part of the Queensland Government's three-point plan, announced in February 2025, to address the risks of battery fires to human safety, local infrastructure, and the environment.

Read more: [Queensland Government website](#)

2025 Waste and Recycling in Queensland Report

The [2025 Recycling and Waste in Queensland Report](#) is now available on the Queensland Government website.

Key findings for 2024-25

- Queensland generated a total of **10.25 million tonnes of headline waste**. This is a 4.5% increase from 2023-24 and is set against the backdrop of Queensland's population growth of 2.3% and economic growth of 2.4% during the same period.
- The **overall recovery rate increased by 0.7% to 57.8%** (from 57.1% in 2023-24). The increase was largely driven by further improvements in recovery rates for commercial and industrial waste (0.7% increase) and construction and demolition waste (1.7% increase) compared to 2023-24.
- **Less than a third of household waste was recovered in 2024-25**. The recovery rate for municipal solid waste (including household waste) remains flat and has actually declined by a further 0.1% compared to 2023-24.
- A total of **4.33 million tonnes of headline wastes was sent to landfill**, a 121,100 tonne increase from 2023-24.
- **Approximately 208,000 tonnes of waste was sent for energy recovery**, a 117% increase from 2023-24.

Key data from the survey that underpins the annual recycling and Waste in Queensland report is available through [Open Data Sources](#).

Our [interactive dashboard](#) of waste and recycling data will be updated with the 2024-25 dataset in the coming months. The [dashboard](#) enables customised reports to be created by filtering data by year, region, and waste category.

Introducing the new Queensland Waste Data System (QWDS)

The current Queensland Waste Data System (QWDS) is being replaced and modernised as it transitions to the department's Online Services platform.

The new system will introduce a modern interface, automated summary returns generated from uploaded detailed data, a new BPAY payment option as the preferred method for paying waste levy invoices, and self-service management of user access and roles.

The replacement system is expected to go live in early 2026, with more specific dates to be confirmed shortly. QWDS will be unavailable for a short time during the transition. Once the new system goes live, additional updates and training materials on the new [Queensland Waste Data System](#) will be available on the Queensland Government website.

For more information about the transition to the new QWDS, please contact: Enquiries.QWDS@detsi.qld.gov.au.

Solar Panel Recovery Pilot

The Queensland Government provided \$2.5 million funding over 2 years to the Smart Energy Council to deliver a solar panel recovery and recycling pilot project.

The purpose of the project was to provide the data on household solar panel collection, reuse, and recycling in Queensland. The pilot project tested multiple collection pathways, informed knowledge of the requirements for, and stimulated establishment of solar panel recycling facilities in Queensland.

With the increase in solar panel installations in Queensland and Australia, the findings of this pilot project are valuable in expanding solar panel recycling nationally.

The pilot project was completed in September 2025 and the report is published on the [Queensland Government website](#).

The Australian Government recently [announced](#) they will pilot a national solar panel recycling program, investing \$24.7 million over three years.

Retail Precinct Resource Recovery Project

The Queensland Government awarded \$2.25 million to the National Retail Association (transitioning to Australian Retail Council) to deliver a five-year resource recovery project focused on taking a multi-faceted approach to reduce food waste in shopping centres, quick service restaurants, and retail precincts.

Currently in the second year, the funding is enabling the delivery of five pilot trials aimed at supporting waste reduction and recycling in shopping centres.

Learn more about the pilots on the [Queensland Government website](#).

Boomerang Alliance: Solutions finder

The [Solutions Finder](#) website is a free, user-friendly practical tool for businesses in the hospitality sector seeking alternative solutions to single-use plastic food ware.

The online resource has been funded by the Queensland Government to help businesses transition out of single-use plastic food ware and support them to meet their legislative obligations in Queensland.

This is one of the many initiatives the Queensland Government has been delivering to protect our environment.

2026 Awareness Days

Save the date, make a difference – little steps for lasting impact.



[Clean Up Australia Day](#): one piece of litter at a time



[Global Recycling Day](#): nominate your recycling hero



[International Day of Zero Waste](#)



[Earth Day](#)

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