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Dear Sir/Madam,

**Senate Inquiry - Waste and recycling industry in Australia**

The Local Government Association of Queensland (LGAQ) welcomes the opportunity to provide a submission to assist the Senate Inquiry into the waste and recycling industry in Australia including issues relating to landfill, markets for recycled waste and the role of the Australian Government in providing a coherent approach to the management of solid waste.

Queensland councils operate approximately 450 waste facilities including landfill sites, transfer stations and resource recovery and recycling facilities. Councils make a significant contribution to the provision of waste infrastructure and I ask that you take into consideration the environmental, economic and social contributions made by the local government sector across Queensland.

Please find enclosed the LGAQ submission developed in consultation with Queensland councils that are actively engaged in the provision of a range of waste management and resource recovery activities.

If you have any questions regarding the matters raised in this submission, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Robert Ferguson, LGAQ - Senior Advisor – Environmental and Public Health, on  
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Yours sincerely

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