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Dear Mr Palethorpe

Thank you for your letter of 28 March 2024 inviting the Department of Natural Resources and Environment Tasmania to make a submission to the Senate's Inquiry into waste reduction and recycling policies.

The relevant current endorsed policy in place in Tasmania is the *Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2023-2026*. A copy of the Strategy is available at <https://wrr.tas.gov.au/planning-and-reporting/waste-strategy>.

This Strategy is required under the *Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022*. It was developed by the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board and provides the framework for the reinvestment of landfill levy funds. The key priorities in the Strategy are integrated state and regional planning, targeted investment, prioritising circular economy approaches, and strong education and engagement with governments, industry and the community.

Investment and strategic actions are overseen by an expertise-based board and are being implemented by the department in partnership with local government, regional waste groups, businesses, and other stakeholders. The Tasmanian Government contributes to numerous national working groups to help progress several national waste and resource recovery issues.

Yours sincerely

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SECRETARY

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