## **Queensland Treasury**

Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2025-27

# Our objectives and strategies



### Avoid and reduce

- Encourage a Digital First culture across the organisation, aligning with Treasury's Digital and Technology Strategy.
- Avoid and reduce consumption of paper by printing only necessary pages and printing/photocopying double sided.
- Continually review and improve processes to move towards reduced waste options.
- Reduce excess stationery stock through the implementation of a monthly vendor refill program which stocks standard items.
- Conserve energy by only using air conditioning and lighting after hours as required.



## Recycle and reuse

- Embrace initiatives to divert waste from landfill such as scrap metal and battery recycling, electronic waste as well as composting and organic waste collection.
- Monitor and leverage waste reduction initiatives from other Government departments.
- Continue to raise staff awareness on better-practice and innovative approaches to waste management, including education on how to sort waste.
- Reuse excess and used products where possible, including furniture, equipment and stationery.



## Dispose

- Dispose of waste in an ethical and environmentally responsible way.
- Make every effort to reuse and recycle departmental equipment, electronics and goods and dispose through e-Waste where possible.
- Dispose of waste as a last resort.

### Our targets

• Reduce printing and imaging by 1% per annum.

 Reduce the volume of waste going to landfill by 1% per annum.

### Our waste management risks and opportunities

#### Risks

- Data provided through third parties may not definitively reflect Treasury's
  waste management performance, resulting in an inability to accurately track
  improvements in total waste management strategies.
- Poor waste management performance may impact Treasury's reputation as being a central agency which needs to lead by example to other agencies and organisations.

# **Opportunities**

- By actively engaging staff and stakeholders in better-practice waste management activities we can perform well against our set targets.
- Working with waste champions, staff and stakeholders to mature our waste management strategies and foster opportunities for innovation and improved performance.

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## Our approach to waste management

For Treasury to reduce and manage its waste outputs, consideration is given to the waste and resource management hierarchy and the guiding principles as set out in the <u>Queensland Waste Management Resource Recovery Strategy</u>.

#### Figure 1. Waste and resource management hierarchy

The waste and resource management hierarchy is a framework that guides the order of preference for managing waste. Waste should be avoided as a first priority, after which options for reuse and recycling should be explored. The options of fuel production, energy production or disposal should be reserved for residual waste that is unsuitable for higher order options. The hierarchy shapes the Strategy's priorities and provides the basis for the development of actions.







- Treasury will actively work to promote waste awareness and implement the Plan in accordance with the waste management hierarchy and guiding principles.
- Treasury will work in partnership with the Department of Housing and Public Works (DHPW), other Government agencies and building managers to reduce waste through improved waste reduction and recycling initiatives and strategies.
- Treasury will comply with relevant statutory requirements.



### **Monitor**

- Treasury will actively work with building management and other stakeholders to measure waste output.
- Treasury receives annual waste data for most of the leases occupied by Treasury.
- Data from previous years will be used for benchmarking future waste management performance.



### Report

- Annual waste and recycling data will be reported to the Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation (DETSI) by 31 August each year.
- Treasury will meet annual reporting requirements for waste planning and reporting under the <u>Waste</u> <u>Reduction and Recycling Act 2011</u> (section 148).
- Treasury will review reporting to identify opportunities for continuous improvement in waste management.

