

Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board

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Mr Cameron McLennan
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Via email: Cameron.McLennan@dpac.tas.gov.au

Dear Cameron

Submission to the Sustainability Tasmania Discussion Paper

The Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board (the Board) is pleased to have the opportunity to provide a submission to the discussion paper *Tasmanian Positive, Our state's sustainability strategy*.

The Board was created in 2022, following the enactment of the Waste and Resource Recovery Act. It is charged with undertaking activities to encourage the diversion of waste from landfill and increase resource recovery from waste through the strategic investment of funds generated from the landfill levy.

Key to this is the development and implementation of the first *Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy*. The development of this strategy is nearing completion, with the focus and proposed vision remaining:

Tasmania, a place where nothing is wasted.

The Board is proposing that this will be achieved through a combination of actions against four pillars:

- ***Integrated Planning and Action***
- ***Strategic Investment***
- ***Prioritising Circularity***
- ***Engagement and Partnerships***

It is expected that the Tasmanian Waste & Resource Recovery strategy will be finalised in time to provide further input and context into the draft Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy in line with its proposed release in early 2024.

The Board is pleased to see the proposed focus on circular economies in the current discussion paper for the Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy as one of eight key pillars. This is critical as for Tasmania to be truly sustainable we need to move beyond simple waste mitigation and recycling/reuse, and develop a mindset of continuous reuse, maximising the economic return from our resources in Tasmania.

More broadly, the Board sees itself as having a critical role in the continued development of the Tasmanian Sustainability Strategy through our role to not only provide a strategic vision for waste in Tasmania, but through the investment of funds generated from the waste levy to realise this vision for Tasmania, including through prioritising circularity.

Please do not hesitate to contact Mr Hugh Christie, CEO of the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board to discuss these matters further on either 0488 215 527 or hugh.christie@wrr.tas.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Pamela Allan".

Pam Allan
Chair