

# Queensland Department of Primary Industries

## Waste reduction and recycling plan 2025–2028

### Vision

The DPI Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2025–2028 outlines the targets, actions, monitoring, management and reporting activities designed to contribute to the Queensland Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy targets.

The Queensland Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy targets for 2030 are:

- 80% waste diversion from landfill
- 60% recycling rates

<b>Focus areas</b>	Minimise waste generation to reduce environmental impacts and greenhouse gas emissions.	Maximise recycling, diversion, recovery and reuse opportunities.	Implement circular economy values by developing a waste reduction culture across DPI.
<b>Targets</b>	5% reduction in waste volumes to landfill each year.	5% increase in recycling and waste recovery volumes each year  5% increase in diversion waste volumes each year	Maintain less than 10% contamination rate each year (where data is available).
<b>Actions</b>	Establish consolidated waste accounts with commercial vendors.  Progressively increase the number of DPI facilities in the annual waste reporting.  Improve data accuracy by introducing weighted waste data at large sites.	Establish minimum standards for waste and recycling at all DPI facilities.  Introduce an accredited waste management framework to improve waste management practices.  Analyse and review annual waste reports to determine areas of improvement and support.	Build a 'waste warrior' workforce that values waste minimisation.  Provide waste awareness and learning opportunities in various forms of communication.  Recognise innovative waste reduction practices that contribute to site efficiencies.

### Roles and responsibilities

It is every staff member's responsibility to separate waste and provide input to enable waste reduction and recycling opportunities.

Facility/site management is responsible for ensuring waste management meets minimum standards at each DPI site by providing waste recycling and diversion opportunities, waste audits and reporting on waste volumes.

DPI Corporate coordinates waste management planning and reporting and implements department-wide reduction and recycling initiatives.

The plan covers:

- Waste management from 1 January 2025 to 31 December 2028.
- All waste types generated as part of DPI's service delivery and business operations
- All DPI worksites
- All staff, contractors and visitors to DPI sites.

The plan does not cover:

- Waste generated outside DPI sites, such as satellite offices and staff travel or work from home.

## Waste Management Framework

DPI can reduce waste, emissions and pollution, and minimise volumes to landfill by transitioning to a circular economy. DPI will use the waste management hierarchy to implement continuous improvement.

Remove	Don't generate waste
Reuse	Generate less waste by better management and material substitution
Reuse	Reuse in its original form
Recycle	Recycle or reprocess item to integrate into new product or new use
Recover	Extract materials or energy from waste
Treat	Mitigate the inherent hazard of the waste
Dispose	Mitigate hazard through pathway changes relocate to another location

## Reporting

DPI's annual waste report, collated every financial year, will measure performance against the targets outlined in this plan, compared against the data used for the annual report for the financial year ending June 2024.

The DPI Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2025–2028 details the implementation of this plan.