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Mr Neil Laurie
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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your email of 14 October 2025 regarding Parliamentary Petition No. 4268-25 concerning expanding the ban on soft plastics in Queensland.

Our government has inherited declining household recycling rates and an upward trend in the amount of waste going to landfill each year. That's why we released our draft new *Queensland Waste Strategy 2025-2030 – Less landfill, more recycling*, which included seeking feedback on the management of problem wastes including plastics.

I acknowledge many Queenslanders want to do their part through being able to recycle soft plastics. The issues that need to be addressed to allow for the recycling of soft plastics include ensuring there are suitable local processing and end markets, so soft plastics are not just stockpiled.

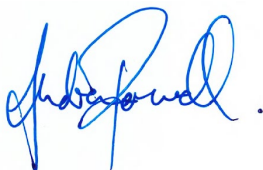
The Crisafulli Government is working with Soft Plastics Stewardship Australia on designing a project that will test processing and end markets in Queensland. We are also investing \$35 million as part of our *Zero Litter to the Bay by 2030* initiative, which will provide funding for installation of specialised stormwater filtration devices to reduce litter, including soft plastics, entering Moreton Bay.

The Government is not proposing any further bans on single-use plastic items. Instead, I will continue to advocate to the Federal Government for sensible packaging reforms that will not result in costs being passed on to Queenslanders.

More information on waste reduction initiatives is available on the Queensland Government website at: <https://www.qld.gov.au/environment/circular-economy-waste-reduction/reduction>.

I trust that this information has been of assistance to the petitioners.

Yours sincerely



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