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Dear Mr Laurie

Thank you for your letter of 19 June 2024 enclosing a copy of Parliamentary Petition No. 4015-24 concerning Cleanaway's plans to build a waste incinerator in the Scenic Rim.

In December 2021, the Queensland Government released the Energy from Waste Policy and Energy from Waste Guideline to inform the implementation of the Queensland Government's *Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy* and in alignment with the priorities under the Queensland Biofutures 10-Year Roadmap and Action Plan.

The Policy and Guideline do not incentivise or promote energy from waste. The Policy and Guideline recognises that energy from waste has a role to play in Queensland's Waste Management Strategy, but states that waste should be avoided as the first priority, with options for fuel and energy production reserved for residual waste that is unsuitable for higher order pathways within the circular economy.

The Cleanaway Energy from Waste facility, known as the Bromelton Energy and Resource Centre is proposed to be sited within a State Development Area. Cleanaway will need to lodge an SDA application for a material change of use for the Energy from Waste facility. If an application is made, this will be assessed by the Coordinator-General in accordance with the requirements of the Bromelton State Development Area Development Scheme.

Cleanaway will also need to apply for an environmental authority. Any application will be rigorously assessed by the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation in accordance with the requirements of the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*.

To date, an SDA application for a material change of use for an Energy from Waste facility has not been lodged with the Coordinator-General, and the Department of Environment, Science and Innovation has not received an application for an environmental authority.

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

Yours sincerely

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