

Assisting businesses in the Douglas region with the introduction of the Queensland Government's waste levy on July 1, 2019

What assistance is available for businesses?

The Queensland Government is expanding the ecoBiz program to help small business reduce waste. For more information visit: www.cciqecobiz.com.au

Douglas Shire Council encourages businesses to check Planet Ark Business Recycling for recycling services at: www.businessrecycling.com.au

Douglas Shire Council can provide advice to businesses on ways to reduce waste generation and minimise levy charges at Transfer Stations. Please email enquiries@douglas.qld.gov.au if you are interested in this service.

For updated information on the levy visit the Queensland Government's website at: www.qld.gov.au/wastedisposallevy

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DOUGLAS SHIRE COUNCIL

Queensland Government Waste Levy 2019





The Queensland Government is introducing a waste levy on July 1, 2019. The levy will bring Queensland into line with other mainland Australian states that have a levy in place.

What does the levy mean for households?

The levy does not apply to wheelie bin waste or self-hauled residential waste so households will not incur any direct costs associated with the levy.

What does the levy mean for businesses?

The levy does not apply to Council's wheelie bin waste collection, however businesses will incur the waste levy for self-hauled landfill waste which is taken to Transfer Stations. The levy may also apply to private waste collection arrangements.

Businesses need to reduce waste generation and recycle as much as possible to minimise paying the waste levy.

What is the levy zone?

Douglas Shire Council is included in the levy zone. The Queensland proposed levy zones can be viewed at: www.qld.gov.au/wastedisposallevy

Can the impact on businesses be reduced?

Businesses can reduce the impact of the levy by reducing the amount of waste they produce. Materials that are reused or recycled do not attract the levy, so the more material a business can avoid or divert to recycling, the less impact the levy will have.

How much is the levy?

The levy rate starts at \$75 per tonne, GST exclusive. Higher rates apply for regulated waste. This fee will be incorporated into the Douglas Shire Council gate fee.

Will exemptions apply?

Some wastes will be exempt from the State Government levy such as waste produced from declared natural disasters.

Registered charitable recycling entities will also be eligible to apply for exemptions for waste that is donated but cannot be used or recycled.

Please Note: Douglas Shire Council does not issue or approve exemptions. This is a State Government responsibility.

The State Government is working with the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO) who will help charities with applications.

For more information visit:
www.nacro.org.au/qld

Exemption Workshops (NACRO)

The National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO) is running workshops across Queensland to assist charities with exemption applications.

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