



2020 State Election

State-wide Report Card

Protecting our Environment



The LGAQ welcomes the Government's commitment to reinvest 70% of Waste Levy revenue into funding sustainable resource recovery and to consider funding for NRM governance pilots in the next funding round. The Government's commitment to fund flying fox research is welcomed but needs further definition. It is also noted the Government has made no commitment to continuing waste levy advance payments to councils beyond 2021-22. Its \$40 million injection to protect the Great Barrier Reef is welcomed, although does not match local government investment in Great Barrier Reef conservation.



The Opposition has confirmed their commitment to maintain the waste levy and support more opportunities for resource recovery, recycling and mitigating landfill challenges, as part of their plans to make Queensland the 'Recycling State'. The LGAQ notes this includes \$50 million for local government to trail building roads from recycled materials. More information on the Opposition's proposed investment in Great Barrier Reef conservation is required.



KAP have indicated support for most of our priorities to protect the environment, albeit with qualifications for some initiatives.



The Greens have responded to our 2020 State Election priorities advising they are "generally supportive" of the LGAQ's platform, however, they cite the need to consider "an enormous list of competing priorities" should they be in a balance of power scenario after the 31 October. Further, The Greens have advised the final decision on what is supported will be made by "the party as a whole". The LGAQ appreciates The Greens' general statement of the broad alignment with our priorities and their indications of support for our key priorities. However, the LGAQ requires more specific commitments from The Greens as to where our 2020 election priorities sit within The Greens' "enormous list of priorities" should they hold the balance of power after the election.



One Nation has indicated support for our request for flying fox research and ongoing waste levy advance payments to councils, so Queensland households are not negatively impacted financially as a result of the waste levy. The LGAQ has concerns about the party's lack of commitment to Great Barrier Reef conservation.



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