1. In July 2019, the Queensland Government released the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy (the Strategy) which seeks to transition Queensland to a zero-waste society, where waste is avoided, reused and recycled to the greatest extent possible. The Strategy commits to the development of an Energy-from-Waste (EfW) Policy.
2. The EfW Policy seeks to:
* support the vision of the *Advance Queensland Biofutures 10-year Roadmap and Action Plan* in growing jobs in the bioeconomy;
* adopt the leading environmental protection policies for EfW derived from best practice in the European Union;
* preference technologies that produce fuels from waste, over electricity and heat, and promote other solutions that genuinely recover EfW;
* safeguard the principles of the waste and resource management hierarchy, to secure the significant opportunity for jobs in recycling in meeting the objectives of the Strategy, and ensuring EfW is an alternative to landfill and not recycling;
* maintain and prolong the lifetime of existing landfill capacity; and
* encourage genuine community engagement, promote maximum energy recovery, and minimise harm to human health and the environment.
1. The EfW Policy has been informed by the outcomes of public consultation on the *Transforming Queensland’s Recycling and Waste Industry Directions Paper* published in June 2018, the *Draft Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy* published in February 2019, and the *Energy from Waste Policy Discussion Paper* (Discussion Paper) published in July 2019. Eighty-one submissions were received during consultation on the Discussion Paper and a summary report providing the outcomes of the consultation and stakeholder workshops has been prepared.
2. Cabinet approved the release of the *Energy from Waste Policy Queensland.*
3. Cabinet approved the release of the *Energy from Waste Policy Discussion Paper Consultation Report*.
4. *Attachments*
* [Energy from Waste Policy Queensland](Attachments/Policy.PDF)
* [Energy from Waste Policy Discussion Paper Consultation Report](Attachments/Report.PDF)