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Mr Toby Hutcheon
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Dear Mr Hutcheon

Thank you for your correspondence regarding Labor's waste and plastics election policies.

As you are aware, on 14 June 2017 the Palaszczuk Labor Government introduced the Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017 to ban the use of single-use plastic bags and commence a container deposit scheme for Queensland.

The leadership shown by Boomerang Alliance and its members was critical to the successful passage of this bill through Parliament. As a result, both measures will become reality in Queensland from 1 July 2018. This is something all Queenslanders can be proud of.

A re-elected Palaszczuk Government will build on this success by developing a plastic pollution reduction plan for Queensland.

We are investing \$2.5 million to ensure a success roll-out of the container refund scheme and plastic bag ban. The Palaszczuk Government will continue to work with the retail sector to prepare Queenslanders for life without plastic shopping bags, and continue to encourage recycling of plastic drink containers.

We are also delivering a further \$3 million over two years for other projects that encourage greater reuse of materials and reduce waste going to landfill.

In relation to a waste levy, the investigation underway by Justice Lyons will likely consider this issue in detail and the government will give close consideration to his findings.

If re-elected the Palaszczuk Government will consult with industry, local government and community stakeholders regarding the best policy solutions for the management of waste and promotion of recycling, in the context of the statutory review of the Queensland Waste Avoidance and Resource Productivity Strategy that is currently underway.

Yours sincerely

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