

## 3. Why do we need a waste plan?

### Strategic Framework

The implementation of Queensland's Waste Avoidance and Resource Productivity Strategy 2014-2024, and the introduction of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011, places a requirement for councils, including Moreton Bay Regional Council, to develop and

implement a Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan. There are also a number of federal and state legislative and policy requirements that influence and shape the development of a local Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan for the Moreton Bay Region.

### Council Obligations

Council has an obligation to manage all waste generated by its own operations and that of residents and others within the local government area in line with its Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan. The WRRP will include:

- Waste reduction and recycling targets for waste generated within the region
- How waste recycling and reduction will be achieved
- Details of all existing and proposed waste infrastructure
- Management and monitoring of local governments performance under the plan
- How continuous improvement will be achieved



## Aligning with the Queensland Plan

This Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan 2016-2026 provides a well defined framework for future action to improve waste management practices in the Moreton Bay Region and complies with the requirements of the Queensland Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011. Queensland's Waste Avoidance and Resource Productivity Strategy 2014-2024 provides the principles and objectives to guide local governments to establish long term strategies in waste avoidance, disposal and recycling.

The policy context of the WRRP is illustrated in Figure 7.

### Principles

1. Protecting human health and the environment to secure our future prosperity
2. Sharing responsibility for avoiding unnecessary consumption and improving resource management
3. Recognising the economic, environmental and social costs of waste generation
4. Recognising regional differences and opportunities
5. Full lifecycle management of resources

### Objectives

1. Driving cultural change.
2. Avoidance and minimisation.
3. Reuse, recovery and recycling.
4. Management, treatment and disposal.

**Figure 7: The policy context of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Plan**

