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Mr Mark Shelton  
Member for Lyons  
Via Clerk of the House of Assembly

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Dear Mr Shelton

I write in response to a question raised in Parliament on behalf of your constituents on 31 July 2024.

Keeping Tasmania clean and sustainable is critical to our way of life, our Tasmanian brand and protecting our unique environment. The Rockliff Liberal Government is committed to growing the state's circular economy and reducing waste impacts on our environment. We are working towards a Tasmania where nothing is wasted. An important part of this transition has been the introduction of the landfill levy.

The landfill levy reflects the cost of sending waste to landfill. It has been introduced in a stepped process from 2022 to 2026. It is designed to encourage alternative uses for items that can be reused, recycled or recovered in another way.

Unlike other States, Tasmania's landfill levy is fully reinvested back into the Tasmanian community to improve waste management and the environment. The recent opening of the Dulverton Waste Management's state of the art indoor organics facility is just one example of how the levy is contributing to new investment. Both through direct funds injection but also in supporting a viable business case for a project of this scale.

The \$32 million plant which can process 50,000 tonnes of organic waste each year, has supported the start of food organics and garden organics (FOGO) services to 38,000 households across the Cradle Coast region. It's expected to divert some 7500 tonnes of organic waste away from landfill and turned into high quality compost available to local producers and households.

Industry is telling us that the levy is making it financially viable to invest in resource recovery and recycling. It is already having the desired impact. The funds raised by the levy are also being used to grow our resource recovery sector and support waste and resource recovery initiatives throughout the State.

We look forward to being able to announce in the near future the first recipients of grants under the \$3 million Waste and Resource Recovery High Priority Infrastructure Grant program. The grants provide \$10,000 right up to \$500,000 depending on the scale and complexity of the project. These initiatives will assist industry, businesses and the community reduce, reuse and recycle waste materials.

A further \$1 million has been committed from the levy funds to support schools, industry sectors and remote areas to minimise landfill and improve resource recovery. The landfill levy funds also support Regional Waste Organisations to drive improvements in recycling and resource recovery in communities across Tasmania, including delivering education and engagement activities to encourage improved recycling by all Tasmanians.

Thank you again for raising this important matter with me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick Duigan', with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Hon Nick Duigan MLC  
**Minister Parks and Environment**