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### **RE: Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Bill 2021**

The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) welcomes the opportunity to make a short submission regarding the Waste and Resource Recovery Bill 2021.

Ai Group is a peak national employer association representing and connecting thousands of businesses in a variety of industries and sectors across Australia. Our membership and affiliates include private sector employers large and small from more than 60,000 businesses employing over 1 million staff.

#### **General comment:**

Ai Group is broadly supportive of a phased levy to encourage the diversion of waste from landfill and increase the recovery of resources in Tasmania. The timing is sensible as smart use of these funds combined with the current federal focus on circular economy can be leveraged to turbo-charge development and deliver significant value to the Tasmanian economy.

This levy should be directly reinvested into waste and resource recovery activities which increase Tasmania's capability while generating positive environmental and employment outcomes for the state.

Ai Group are concerned with the proposed selection, structure and remit of the Tasmanian Waste and Resource Recovery Board. The Board would be appointed by the Minister of the day and possess considerable scope in the allocation of waste levy monies and resource recovery strategy. This could result in the politicisation of the process and in sub-optimal outcomes for Tasmania.

A department-led management of the levy and strategic approach, as is the norm in other states, would be preferable. Alternatively, the Board should be selected in an independent process, adhering to strict probity and governance standards.

Should you wish to discuss the matters raised in this submission, please contact our adviser Rachael Wilkinson on 0413 352 286 or [rachael.wilkinson@aigroup.com.au](mailto:rachael.wilkinson@aigroup.com.au).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise McGrath', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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