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LNP to make Queensland the Recycling State

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An LNP Government will open a solar panel recycling facility in South-East Queensland and work with councils to build new roads from recycled plastic as part of a visionary plan to create new jobs and protect our environment.

Announcing her plan to make Queensland the Recycling State, LNP Leader Deb Frecklington said her government would invest in developing recycling technology and creating new green industries.

The LNP's plan will also impose a ban on all batteries and electronic goods – including TVs and laptops – from going into landfill.

“Labor are great at recycling promises, but not waste,” Ms Frecklington said.

“An LNP Government will make Queensland the Recycling State.

“The LNP's plan will stop tens of thousands of tonnes of solar panels from going into landfill.

“We will also work with councils to build major roads from recycled plastic for the first time.

“And the LNP will stop batteries and other electronic waste from going into landfill too.

“We know that green roads work – but they haven't had any backing from the Palaszczuk Labor Government.

“That will change with an LNP Government. We will make Queensland the nation's leader in recycling and recycling waste.”

Redlands City Council worked with a local recycling firm to resurface a 1km stretch of road in Cleveland in 2019.

The LNP will invest \$50m and work with councils to build a new wave of roads from recycled plastic waste, including bottles and bags.

The LNP will partner with business to launch Australia's first solar panel recycling plant.

Let's get Queensland working again

“The LNP’s recycling plan will create jobs and protect our environment,” LNP Leader Deb Frecklington said.

“Building green roads and recycling solar panels will help get Queenslanders back to work.

“Only the LNP has a plan that protects the environment and creates jobs.”

The LNP’s plan to make Queensland the Recycling State will:

- **Build green roads from recycled plastic**
More than 80% of road asphalt can be made from recycled products and Cleveland already has a 1km green road. The LNP’s \$50m trial will increase green road construction and develop new guidelines for future road-building projects.
- **Establish a solar panel recycling industry**
Without future action, more than 100,000 tonnes of solar panels are predicted to enter Australia’s waste stream by 2035. The LNP will initiate a reverse auction to establish a solar panel recycling facility in Queensland, delivering a new capability for the state and ensuring value for taxpayers.
- **Ban batteries and e-waste from landfill**
Electronic waste contains valuable non-renewable resources like gold, copper, zinc, and aluminium, as well as hazardous materials. An LNP Government will expand recovery facilities and launch a public education to reduce e-waste going into landfill before legislating a ban on the practice by 2024.
- **Support recycling research and development**
The LNP will work with Queensland universities to establish centres of recycling excellence to encourage innovation in the industry.
- **Fast-track approvals for recycling infrastructure**
An LNP Government will fast-track planning approvals for new and better recycling infrastructure.