Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011

DECLARATION OF RESIDUE WASTE AS EXEMPT WASTE (WASTE LEVY)

This declaration is made under s35 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* (the Act) by the Director-General, Department of Environment, Science and Innovation.

Under this declaration, I declare that engineered stone disposed to landfill is exempt waste, subject to any conditions and limitations (as per s35(3) of the Act) included in this declaration.

Definitions

engineered stone means all engineered stone benchtops, slabs, and panels that:

- contain 1 per cent or more crystalline silica;
- are created by combining natural stone materials with other chemical constituents (such as water, resins, or pigments); and
- undergo a process to become hardened.

The following conditions apply to this declaration –

- 1. Engineered stone is exempt waste under this declaration from the date of this declaration to 30 June 2025 inclusive.
- 2. This declaration does not apply to other waste mixed with engineered stone.
- 3. This declaration applies only to engineered stone generated from facilities in Queensland.
- 4. This declaration only relates to exemption from the waste levy. It does not affect requirements or conditions of any environmental authority or any other approval, permit or obligation under the *Environmental Protection Act 1994*, the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* or any other Act.

This declaration is made on the date of publication on the department's website.

Jamie Merrick

Director-General

30 June 2024