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Waste Inspectors Wanted

Acting Queensland Climate Change and Sustainability Minister Ms Anastacia Palaszczuk's release of Queensland's long awaited draft waste management strategy has local landfills worried.

Under the draft strategy Queensland will introduce a waste levy from July 1, 2011 and this will be collected by landfill operators. But unlike the levies in most other states Queensland's levy will not apply to municipal waste and will not apply across the whole state.

"This strategy will be impossible for landfill owners to administer" Australian Landfill Owners Association (ALOA) spokesperson Max Spedding said on behalf of ALOA's Queensland chapter members. "Landfill owners cannot be expected to check the origin of each load of waste".

"We have written to the Minister seeking consultation on the levy proposal and hope that our experience from other jurisdictions will help shape changes to the draft approach" Spedding said. "In other states where we have operated with a small levy difference between waste types there have been market distortions. With a difference of \$35 per tonne between municipal and commercial waste the industry will be in chaos".

ALOA is an incorporated entity comprising landfill owners across Australia sharing a concern for the environment and the sustainability of their businesses and is the representative voice of the landfill industry in Australia. ALOA has a Queensland 'chapter' comprising several major landfill operators.

ALOA members operate more than half of the landfill capacity across Australia receiving over 15 million tonnes of solid waste annually. They also provide services in waste disposal, waste treatment and resource recovery and employ over 12,000 people.

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