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Dear Sir/Madam

Submission on *Draft Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy for Queensland*

Australian Pork Limited (APL) welcomes the opportunity to make a submission to the *Draft Waste Management and Resource Recovery Strategy for Queensland* (the Draft Strategy). APL supports a national move towards a circular economy approach to resource use and recovery and recognises that the Queensland Government is one of the first state governments to produce a Draft Strategy. Agriculture, and particularly the pork industry, has untapped potential to make a greater contribution to national waste reduction targets under a circular economy approach.

APL is the peak national representative body for Australian pork producers. It is a producer-owned company combining marketing, export development, research and innovation and strategic policy development to assist in securing a profitable and sustainable future for the Australian pork industry. The Australian pork industry employs more than 36,000 people nationally and contributes \$5.2 billion in gross domestic product to the economy. During 2015-16, the pig production sector in Queensland contributed around \$452 million (value-added) to the state economy, while supporting 2,854 full time jobs that generated \$216 million in household incomes for Queensland families.¹

As a national body, APL's position on waste reduction is best aligned with its response to the Draft National Waste Policy which incorporates circular economic thinking. APL made a submission² on the draft strategy in October 2018. The response focused on the pork industry's potential in the waste-to-energy and food waste reduction spaces. APL identified opportunities for example, to improve relationships along the resource use and recovery supply chains to make utilisation of food waste viable, simple and accessible for end users such as pork producers. APL also noted opportunities to incentivise uptake of waste-to-energy technology by industries, and opportunities to improve the recycling facilities in rural and remote areas.

APL also made a submission to the Too Good to Waste: Discussion paper on a circular economy approach for New South Wales in November 2018 that provided further examples of circular economic thinking relevant to the pork industry.³ APL encourages the

¹ ACILAllen Consulting, 'Economic Contribution Report: Pork Industry in Australia - 2015-16, November 2017, available at: http://australianpork.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ACILAllen_PorkIndustryEconomicImpactReport_Final_17Nov2017_corrected.pdf

² APL's Submission on the Draft National Waste Policy, October 2018, available at: <http://australianpork.com.au/library-resources/publications/submissions-to-government/>

³ APL's Submission on the Too Good to Waste: Discussion paper on a circular economy approach for New South Wales, November 2018, available at: http://australianpork.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/APL_Submission-to-the-NSW-Circular-Economy-Discussion-Paper_FINAL_28112018.pdf

Queensland Government to refer to both these submissions for our detailed position on circular economic waste policy and for information and examples on how the pork industry can contribute.

APL acknowledges the inclusion of local government actions in the Draft Strategy, to ensure optimal recycling and recovery systems are incorporated in future planning provisions. This is important to ensure regional industries like the pork industry can contribute to recycling and waste reduction to their full potential.

In Summary

APL supports the principles of a circular economy approach for Queensland and nationally and contends the pork industry is well-positioned to make a significant contribution to circular economy outcomes. Effective transition to a circular economy must be supported by government through appropriate measures and incentives along resource use and recovery chains as described in our submissions to the Draft National Waste Strategy and to the Discussion paper on a circular economy approach for New South Wales.

APL would welcome the opportunity to be involved in further consultation. If you require further information on waste management and the pork industry or have any questions, please contact Grantley Butterfield, Policy Manager – Planning & Environment on 02 6270 8820 or grantley.butterfield@australianpork.com.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Deb Kerr', written in a cursive style.

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