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# Queensland E-Products Action Plan

## A plan to address waste avoidance, reduction, reuse, repair and recycling for electrical and electronic products

The Ewaste Watch Institute is partnering with the Queensland Department of Environment and Science to co-design and develop an action plan to address the waste-related issues and impacts from electrical and electronic products (e-products) in Queensland.

The project will focus on developing an E-Products Action Plan (the Plan) that is informed and supported by stakeholders, and can be utilised to guide ongoing implementation by the Queensland Government, producers, brands, retailers, the repair industry, local councils, the waste and resource recovery industry, environment and consumer NGOs and the general public. An E-Products Reference Group is also being established to provide multi-stakeholder input.

Over the coming months the process to develop the Plan will engage with interested stakeholders in order to enable and encourage solution-oriented participation. It will identify and prioritise actions to inform government policy, funding, investment, public programs, and strengthen procurement across agencies, departments, industries and sectors.

The Plan will define 'ewaste' and confirm the product scope as well as identify the issues, impacts and opportunities. A 'stocks and flows analysis' of e-products will also be undertaken to establish the scale of the industry / market and the associated flow of products in the economy.

In particular, the Plan will seek to formulate actions and responses across the waste management hierarchy with increased emphasis on waste avoidance and other measures at the 'top' of the waste management hierarchy eg. product durability, reuse, repair, remarketing and refurbishment in addition to recycling end-of-life materials. The Plan will be developed within the context of specific circular economy principles and how the transition can be achieved over the short, medium and long term.

The Plan will also consider other factors such as:

- identifying relevant levers to utilise design as an intervention to eliminate and reduce ewaste through durability, reparability and reuse scenarios;
- identifying and assessing interventions that can shift consumer behaviour towards more sustainable consumption patterns for electrical and electronic equipment e.g. tool libraries, repair cafes, product-as-a-service, and product leasing/renting.



The Plan will identify goals, objectives, priorities and timeframes for relevant stakeholders but especially for those producers, brands and retailers placing electrical and electronic products on the market.

The Plan represents an ambitious approach to step-change improvements on how waste avoidance and reduction can be transformed into real-world circular economy actions.

You can register your early interest in participating in the Plan's development by contacting the Ewaste Watch Institute as per the details below.

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