



Queensland

Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011

Explanatory Notes for SL 2011 No. 258

made under the

Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011

General outline

Short title

Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Regulation (No. 1) 2011.

Authorising law

Sections 45 and 271 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.

Policy objectives and the reasons for them

Fairer weight measurement for skip bin trucks

Section 36 of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation prescribes in schedule 6, the weight measurement criteria that apply under s45(2) of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act – Measurement of waste other than by weighbridge.

The weight measurement criteria is used to assess the weigh of the waste in tonnages where a weighbridge is either not required to be used or is temporarily out of operation.

The schedule 6 table currently provides weight conversion criteria based on the GVM or GCM (gross vehicle mass or gross combined mass) of

vehicles, including for skip bin trucks. While these values were developed in consultation with the industry the use of GVM and GCM methodology has been found not suitable for skip bin trucks as the sizes of the skips that a particular truck can carry varies significantly.

Changes to the weight measurement criteria will provide fairer weight measurement conversions for skip-bin operators. The amendment will replace conversion based on skip bin truck GVM/GCM with conversion of cubic metre skip into tonnes.

Make clarifications and corrections

The amendment regulation also makes minor corrections and clarifies the meaning of an Alternative Waste Technology facility by including such a definition in the regulation. The definition makes it clear that it excludes water or sewage treatment plants.

Achievement of policy objectives

Fairer weight measurement for skip bin trucks

The policy objectives are achieved by changing the weight measurement criteria for skip bin trucks from the current vehicle GVM or GCM methodology and replacing it with the conversion of cubic metre skips into tonnes.

Make clarifications and corrections

The policy objectives are achieved by making minor corrections and introducing a definition of Alternative Waste Technology facility.

Consistency with policy objectives of authorising law

The amendment regulation is consistent with the main objectives of the Waste Reduction and Recycling Act.

Inconsistency with policy objectives of other legislation

The amendment regulation is consistent with policy objectives of other legislation.

Benefits and costs of implementation

The amendment to the weight measurement criteria applicable to skip bin trucks will enable a fairer assessment of the waste tonnages carried in such trucks where the waste is delivered to a landfill site not equipped with a weighbridge.

The waste levy is charged based on the tonnages of waste delivered to a levyable waste disposal site.

Under the current weight measurement criteria, the levy payable on waste carried by a truck with a GVM or GCM of 15 tonnes that is carrying a bin size of 1 cubic metre is the same levy as if the same truck was carrying a bin of 6 cubic metres.

The introduction of a waste measurement criteria based on skin bin capacity will benefit both landfill operators and business operating with skip bin trucks.

Consistency with fundamental legislative principles

Amendments are consistent with the fundamental legislative principles.

Consultation

The proposed changes to the weight measurement criteria were the result of feedback from local government sector and the waste industry including transporters of waste operating skip bin trucks.

ENDNOTES

- 1 Laid before the Legislative Assembly on . . .
- 2 The administering agency is the Department of Environment and Resource Management.