Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011

DECLARATION OF EXEMPT WASTE–WASTE DONATED TO A RECOGNISED RELIGIOUS ORGANISATION CONDUCTING A CHARITABLE RECYCLING ACTIVITY

This declaration is made under section 35 of the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011* (the Act) by the Director-General, Department of the Environment, Tourism, Science and Innovation.

Under this declaration, waste that has been donated to a *recognised religious organisation* but that cannot practicably be re-used, recycled or sold is declared to be exempt waste subject to any conditions and limitations (as per section 35(3) of the Act) included in this declaration.

For the purpose of this declaration, a *recognised religious organisation* means an organisation that–

a) is affiliated with a recognised denomination declared under the Marriage (Recognised Denominations) Proclamation 2018, and
b) fulfils the requirement of a charity under section 5 of the *Collections Act 1966.*

The following conditions and limitations apply to this declaration–

a) an organisation seeking to operate under this declaration must request and obtain approval from the department[1]
b) in requesting approval the organisation must provide:
    I. information demonstrating the organisation:
        i. meets the definition of *recognised religious organisation*; and
        ii. meets those parts of the definition of *charitable recycling entity* under sections 28(5)(a) and 28(5)(d) of the Act
    II. information as required in the approved form 'Approval of waste as exempt waste—charitable recycling entity', other than information relevant to section 28(5)(b) and 28(5)(c) of the Act.

c) If a request under this declaration is approved and a waste levy exemption issued, it must be presented each time the exempt waste is delivered to a waste disposal facility.

d) The waste under this declaration is exempt from the date of declaration until 30 June 2027.

e) A waste levy exemption issued under this declaration may be cancelled or amended for any of the reasons outlined in section 34 of the Act.

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

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[1] A request for approval will be considered along the lines of an exempt waste application made under section 28 of the Act.