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Queensland Government partners with industry to tackle waste

Lighting Council Australia will relaunch Exitcycle, an industry-led battery recycling initiative, at Parliament House in Brisbane today.

The product stewardship arrangement was first trialed in 2015 and aimed to improve the recycling rates of emergency and exit lights. The program is supported by the Queensland Government, which recently confirmed an extension to the original program.

“With some 30 million emergency and exit lights across the country, it is critical that industry works with government and the community to improve environmental outcomes”, said Lighting Council Australia National Environment Manager, Roman Gowor.

“The majority of the green-emergency lights we see across all buildings are powered by a combination of older battery technologies, which often use cadmium, nickel metal hydride or sealed lead acid. In the coming years, newer generation batteries will use more sustainable components, however multiple sectors—government, industry and end users—must work together to find the best way of increasing recycling rates.”

“We are very pleased with the leadership that the Queensland Government has shown on this issue.”

Today’s event will include representatives from signatories to the Exitcycle scheme, recyclers, government officials and the lighting industry.

“The Exitcycle approach is successful because it is very well suited at addressing the specific waste issue”, explained Mr Gowor. “Unlike a great proportion of batteries used across the economy, emergency and exit lights are not typically used in households and, by law, can only be serviced by electrical contractors. The Exitcycle program is more targeted than other programs and focuses on electricians and facility and building managers.”

The event will be held today at 10:30am at the Premiers’ Hall, Parliament House, Brisbane.

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