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Ms Cecily Rosol MP
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Dear Ms Rosol,

Thank you for your constituency question on behalf of Ms O'Neill and the Tresca Community Centre.

The Government recognises the pressures faced by community organisations managing unsuitable donations and illegal dumping. The Charitable Recycler Rebate Program, administered by the Waste and Resource Recovery Board Tasmania under the Waste and Resource Recovery Act 2022 and associated Ministerial Directions, provides support for disposal costs.

Eligibility settings, including the requirement for Deductible Gift Recipient status, are grounded in existing charitable and taxation law, and limit the Board's discretion, except where flexibility is provided through Ministerial Direction. I acknowledge in some instances this can create barriers for smaller organisations.

In 2025, the Board undertook a formal review of the program, including sector consultation. This identified a number of challenges, including access issues for smaller and regional organisations, administrative delays, and the exclusion of some community organisations undertaking charitable reuse activities without DGR status.

I have asked the Department to contact Tresca directly to provide guidance on eligibility and the application process. Information on how to apply is available via the Waste and Resource Recovery Tasmania website under Industry Support Programs.

I also note that broader waste and resource recovery funding programs are available to support eligible organisations.

Any expansion of eligibility beyond current legislative requirements would require further legal and policy consideration, including potential changes to Ministerial Directions.

The Government remains committed to supporting the charitable recycling sector and ensuring programs remain practical, targeted and effective.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "M. Ogilvie".

Hon. Madeleine Ogilvie MP
Minister for Environment