

Australian National Support Structures

CRC For Waste Management And Pollution Control Limited

CRC is a research organisation that supports a number of projects around Australia that aim at best practice in waste management. They represent and are supported by number of private companies, universities and government departments involved in waste management. Their primary aim is to support research that will lead to the provision of appropriate technology and environmental expertise in waste management and pollution control.

Their [web site](#) details the projects they are currently operating in wastewater treatment and reuse, solid waste management, contaminated site remediation and hazardous waste treatment. [Training](#) is also offered in each of these areas.

CRC produces two serial publications, "Talking Dirty" and "Environment Industry Review", a quarterly magazine, which is a joint publication with the Environment industry Association of Australia and the Environment Industry Development Network. Both aim to detail the latest technological innovations in waste management and are available online at the [CRC web site](#).

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Waste Management Association of Australia

An association for waste management professionals, WMAA works to promote environmentally sound waste management and sustainable resource use among its members, industry and the community. Members include a number of Local Government agencies from across Australia. [Divisions](#) of operation include: Landfill, construction and demolition recycling, compost (NSW, SA, VIC), waste minimisation, resource recovery industry, life cycle assessment and energy from waste.

WMAA holds regular formal and informal gatherings such as the bi-annual Australian Waste Convention, aimed at providing networking opportunities waste management professionals. It also produces a quarterly newsletter, WMAA news, which is available on-line.

The organisation has offices in each state. [Click here for a list of contacts](#)

National Packaging Covenant

The National Packaging Covenant is a self-regulatory agreement between industry and all spheres of government to minimise the environmental impacts of consumer packaging waste.

Initiated by the [Packaging Council of Australia](#), and signed in August 1999 its primary goal is to encourage the principles of shared responsibility for the environmental impact of consumer packaging waste across the packaging chain, from raw material suppliers to retailers, and the ultimate disposal of waste packaging.

The Covenant currently has 235 signatories from all sections of the packaging supply life cycle, the majority (209) being from industry. Signatories are required to submit an Action Plan detailing how they propose to implement their covenant commitments. These commitments are flexible, with each signatory able to determine what actions are appropriate for their organisation.

INDEPENDENT ASSESSMENT OF KERBSIDE RECYCLING IN AUSTRALIA

This report details the extent of recycling in Australia. Commissioned by the National Packaging Covenant Council and undertaken by consultants Nolan/ITU and SKM Economics it measures the financial, environmental and social benefits and costs of recycling. The study translates the environmental impacts into dollar terms to indicate the scale of these benefits. A key finding of the report is that the current kerb-side system in metropolitan and regional centres provides a total net benefit to Australian communities.

Volume One of the report is available in PDF format at <http://www.packcoun.com.au/NPC-FINAL-01.PDF> (approx. 553kb)

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MENTORING PROGRAM

The National Packaging Covenant Council is wishing to involve Local Government more closely in the Covenant program, offering support for councils to become Covenant Mentors for small business in their municipality. Consultant and fact sheets are available via the National Packaging Covenant Council to advise on how councils can fulfil this role.

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The Australian Council of Recyclers (ACOR)

ACOR has released its national specifications for kerbside materials. The specifications set out industry expectations in the collection and sorting of recycling. The specifications are in Issue 5 (November, 2000) of the *Recycling Brief* or call (02) 9282 6400
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Recycling Sites for Mobile Phones

It was estimated that there are now close to 8 million phone connections as at June 2000 and this is set to at least double in five years. The average user replaces their mobile phone every 18-24 months. Australian users are now able to recycle mobile phones, batteries and other accessories through the national *Mobile Phone Industry Recycling Program*. Funded voluntarily by manufacturers and the Australian Mobile Telecommunications Association, the program aims to achieve a high environmental standard and recovery rate for safe recycling and diversion from landfill. AMTA has developed a number of drop-off sites through its networks; however, it is looking to recruit other organisations, including Local Governments, to act as part of an extensive Australian network. For further information, visit www.amta.org.au/recycle or contact (03) 9686 1546.

Private Recycling Services

Visy Recycling

Visy offers recycling collection services for a range of organisations in both metropolitan and regional Australia, including special events. It collects mixed paper, cardboard, plastics, glass, aluminium, steel and cartons (liquid paperboard).

Visy offers curb-side collection services for paper and cardboard, glass, aluminium and steel, cartons and plastics (to code 3). Visy is already working with councils in Victoria, New South Wales, Queensland and the ACT as their recycling provider.

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Visy has offices in all Australian states except the Northern Territory, check the [Visy Re-cycling](#) web site for the office closest to you.

Brightstar Environmental

Brightstar is an Australian owned subsidiary of international renewable energy company Energy Development limited, a company offering a range of environmental services.

Of great interest to councils is the innovative "waste to energy" technology around Australia they are developing for Wollongong City Council. The Solid Waste Energy and Recycling Facility (SWERF™), a system in which it is possible for up to 90% of the waste stream to be recovered and reused, and convert the remaining material into "green electricity". The facility has the potential to process 150,00 tonnes of household rubbish annually, which will produce enough electricity for approximately 24 000 households.

For more information on Wollongong City Council's SWERF facility click here: [Waste to Energy](#)

More information: [Brightstar Environmental](#)

Community Contact Hotline 1800 629 429

EPA Waste Reduction Grants

Most State Environmental Protection Agencies offer grants to assist the community, industry and Local Government to reduce waste, recycle and minimise the impact of waste on the environment. Check the EPA website in your state for details.

Reference: <http://www.environs.org.au/recycle/support.html>

