

Bulletin

Industry Divisions



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Victorian Circular Economy Recycling Modernisation Fund

Dear Member

Some of you may be interested to know, the Victorian government through Sustainability Victoria recently announced the opening of the Victorian Circular Economy Recycling Modernisation Fund (Round 3). This is aimed at supporting businesses through the national export ban on waste materials such as tyres and increasing the quality of materials for manufacturing purposes.

Funding Available

Grants of between \$50,000 and \$500,000 (ex. GST) are available per project. Applicants are required to co-contribute at least \$3 for every \$1 funded. Eligible businesses must have existing reprocessing and/or remanufacturing facilities in Victoria and must be used to purchase, install, upgrade or commission new equipment or technology.

For more information or to make an application, visit the Sustainability Victoria website by clicking [here](#).

Applications close on Tuesday, 27 September at 11:59pm.

Fund Objectives

The fund seeks to deliver the following objectives:

- improve recycling outcomes by addressing critical infrastructure gaps in Australia's waste management and resource recovery system including addressing Australia's regional and rural waste challenges
- increase the capacity for domestic reprocessing and manufacturing of materials affected by the national waste export ban, container deposit system and Victoria's kerbside reform transition
- increase the recovery and local reprocessing of the priority materials paper, cardboard, plastic and tyres
- manage the priority materials in line with the waste hierarchy and export ban (excluding glass)
- increase the use and market demand of recovered materials in manufacturing and to make new products
- create jobs in the resource recovery sector

- increase other economic development opportunities such as economic performance and growth of hubs
- reduce the amount and environmental impact of waste going to landfill.

What will be funded

Funding will support projects activities that:

- meet one or more of the fund objectives
- increase processing capability and capacity to improve quality of materials for re-manufacture and/or use of one or more of the following materials subject to the national waste export ban:
- mixed plastics that are not of a single resin/polymer type and/or further sorting, cleaning and processing is required before use in manufacturing
- single resin/polymer plastics that have not been reprocessed (e.g. cleaned and baled PET bottles)
- mixed and unsorted paper and cardboard
- all whole used tyres or in pieces larger than 150 mm, including baled tyres, but not including bus, truck and aviation tyres exported for retreading to a verified retreading facility.

What will not be funded

The following project activities will not be funded:

- passenger, sports utility vehicle (SUV), bus, truck and aviation tyres exported for re-treading to a verified re-treading facility
- tyres that have been processed into crumbs, buffings, granules or shreds (less than 150 mm)
- tyres that have been processed into tyre-derived fuel
- tyres for reuse as a second-hand tyre.
- Projects that focus on waste to energy solutions.
- Projects that seek to extend capacity for receipt and/or sorting only of unsorted materials, for example infrastructure for transfer stations or materials recovery facilities.

You can also read the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Action, and Solar Homes, the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP media release [here](#).

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