

## Victorian Recycling Industry Strategic Plan

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On Tuesday 3 July 2018 the Victorian Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio announced the Recycling Industry Strategic Plan.

The \$37 million Plan provides funding through several channels with the aim of increasing demand for Victorian recycled materials and enhancing the quality of recyclables. It includes the \$13 million temporary relief package announced in February 2018.

The Plan is designed to stimulate the local recycling industry following new Chinese trade measures limiting the import of low quality mixed recyclables.

The Recycling Industry Strategic Plan includes:

- Sustainability Victoria and the Department of Treasury and Finance assisting government departments and agencies to increase their procurement of local recyclable content.
- A state-wide education program to improve understanding of household recycling, helping to reduce contamination of kerbside recycling.
- An additional \$8.3 million towards the Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund, supporting council and industry-led projects to improve the quality of up to 100,000 tonnes of recycled materials.
- An additional \$2 million towards identifying innovative uses for recyclables, increasing the recycling market development program to \$4.5 million.
- An additional \$800,000 towards the Landfill levy Relief Program to ensure the National Association of Charitable Recycling Organisations are able to process dumped and unrecyclable goods.

### Background

In February 2018 the Victorian Government established a \$13 million package for councils and industry to support the ongoing kerbside collection of household recyclable waste. Between 1 March – 30 June 2018 all councils were eligible for Government grants to help cover a portion of price rises directly associated with kerbside recycling services.

The Victorian Recycling Markets Government Taskforce was also established in February 2018. The Taskforce consulted with industry, local government and manufacturers to inform the Strategic Plan.

A \$1 million Recycling Industry Transition Support Grants program is available to Victoria's recycling industry to assist the transition to new market conditions.

The 2018-19 Victorian Budget included \$30.4 million over four years to improve management of waste and recover more resources.

In June 2018 the Government announced 27 projects had received \$9.3 million in the first two rounds of the Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund. A list of successful grant applicants can be found [here](#).

### Further information

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