



RECYCLING CRISIS: IMPACTS, ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS

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Waste Recycling is under threat from many directions and urgently requires practical and cost effective solutions. Actions are underway to better manage this international issue, but there are many local challenges. This seminar will address:

- Impact of China's National Sword → what actions the Government is taking
- NSW EPA's C&D and Scrap standards and Waste Regulation changes
- Solutions to avoid drops in recycling levels

Following the enforcement of China's National Sword recycling has had its end markets considerably reduced. However, the price and economic viability of many recyclates types has been dropping for a few years, China's actions have just brought it to a head.

A cooperative process is essential to solve this crisis, involving all players and stake holders in the recycling system, generators and purchasers of recycled products. But will this occur or politics intervene and blame games start.

Australia now faces expensive options of redesigning recycling to meeting higher export standards and developing larger internal recycling and reuse systems. All of which require improved recyclate quality. To avoid sending kerbside recyclate going to landfill alternative are required such as down cycling, Energy from Waste, improved source separation at source and at recycling facilities and new markets. The NSW EPA current policy trajectory is to control on recycling, such as under their proposed Waste regulatory changes and minimum standards for scrap metal collectors and C&D recyclers simply increase costs and business uncertainty.

But who will pay for these changes? Calls for additional Extended Producer Responsibility, increase use of Product Stewardship legislation and bans on single use plastics are also gaining pace. Consumer product suppliers will be soon pressured to pay for new measures, but inefficient approaches such as CDS expansions are possibilities.

This seminar will explore the extent of the issue and consider a number of possible solutions. It will also discuss current reforms begin considered to the Waste Regulation, C&D and scrap metal Standards.

In answering the above the seminar provides talks to mainly refresh what are the rules, but also to identify issues and potential means in which to solve them.

Details at a glance

Date: 10 April 2018

Time: 8:30 am – 4:40 pm; Registration from 8:40 am

Venue: NRF Rooms, L10, 44 Martin Place, Sydney

P R O G R A M

8:25 am	Introduction	Andrew Doig, ASBG
8:30	National Sword: where has it come from, was it foreseeable and what do we do?	Ron Wainberg , Consultant MRA
9:10	The glass recycling crisis – what lessons have we learnt	Anne Prince , A. Prince Consulting
9:50	A legal perspective on the impacts on recycling contracts and legal liabilities faced by Local Government and recyclers	Sonali Seneviratne , Associate, Norton Rose Fulbright
10:30	Morning Tea & Networking	
10:50	A waste recycling business' perspective - Issues facing revamping the recycling sector, solutions, issues and problem areas	Luke Schepen , Head Communications and Corp Affairs, SUEZ
11:30	NSW Government's set of measures to assist with China's Sword's impact and an update on other current waste matters	Waste Strategy, EPA
12:10	Lunch & Networking	
1:00	Actions to deal with the difficulties affecting recycling: market generation, contamination reduction, new systems, road block removal	Panel discussion
1:40	Energy from Waste – what role can it play in reducing reliance on landfills	Miles Mason , BDM New Energy
2:20	A MRFs designer and operators views on current issues and the need for investment in processing to generate higher quality recycled products	Daniel Waddington , CEO Australian Bale Press
3:00	Afternoon Tea	
3:20	The metal recycling sector and the impacts of the proposed policy, standards and regulations – obstacles issues and solutions	Luke Parker , Sell and Parker
4:00	A business perspective on issues and a framework solution to revamping and reengineering Australia's recycling system	Andrew Doig , CEO, ASBG
4:40	Close	

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