



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 challenges. This seminar will address:

- Impact of China's National Sword → what it and other forces are doing to recycling
- NSW EPA's C&D and Scrap standards → contamination is the issue
- Solutions to avoid drops in recycling levels

Following the enforcement of China's Green Sword against 'foreign garbage' recycling of plastics and mixed paper has had its end market considerably reduced. However, the economic viability of these sorted recyclates has been dropping for a few years, China's actions have brought it to a head.

Australia now faces expensive choices of either meeting China's new standards or developing larger internal recycling and reuse approaches. All of which require improved recyclate quality. This is also an international issue with the EU and North America similarly affected, so Australia is not alone, but considerable challenges lie ahead. To avoid sending kerbside recyclate to landfill alternative approaches need to be considered such as down cycling, Energy from Waste, improved source separation at source and at recycling facilities. Development of new markets where such material can be beneficially reused or exported subject to much lower contamination levels.

But who will pay for these changes? Considerable regulatory change may be required to address contamination in recycling. What new markets can be made without costing the earth? Can the waste levy be adjusted to assist recycling more?

This seminar will explore the extent of the issue and consider a number of possible solutions. It will also discuss current reforms being 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

PROGRAM

8:55 am	Introduction	Andrew Doig, ASBG
9:00	National Sword: where has it come from, was it foreseeable and what do we do?	Ron Wainberg , Consultant MRA
9:40	The glass recycling crisis – what lessons have we learnt	Anne Prince , A. Prince Consulting
10:20	Morning Tea & Networking	
10:40	A legal perspective on the impacts on recycling contracts and legal liabilities faced by Local Government and recyclers	Gavin Shapiro , , Norton Rose Fulbright
11:20	A waste recycling business' perspective - Issues facing revamping the recycling sector, solutions, issues and problem areas	SUEZ (speaker to be named)
12:00	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	

PRICE (incl GST)		VENUE	DATE AND TIME
Item	Price	Norton Rose Fulbright L10, 44 Martin Place, Sydney Parking options will be provided on registration	Registration 8:20 am 8:30 am to 4:40 pm 10 April 2018
ASBG & NRF clients	\$395		
Non-Member	\$495		
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