



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Plan

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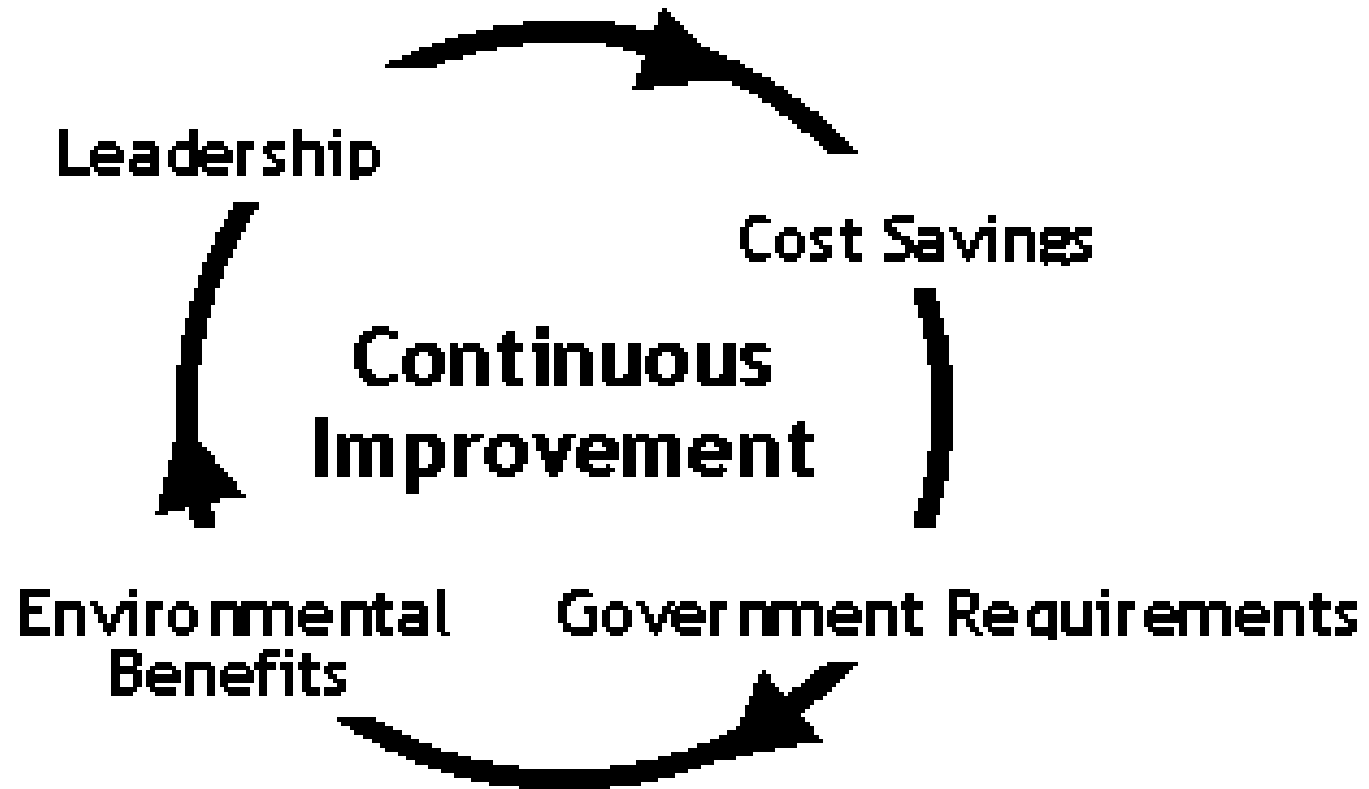
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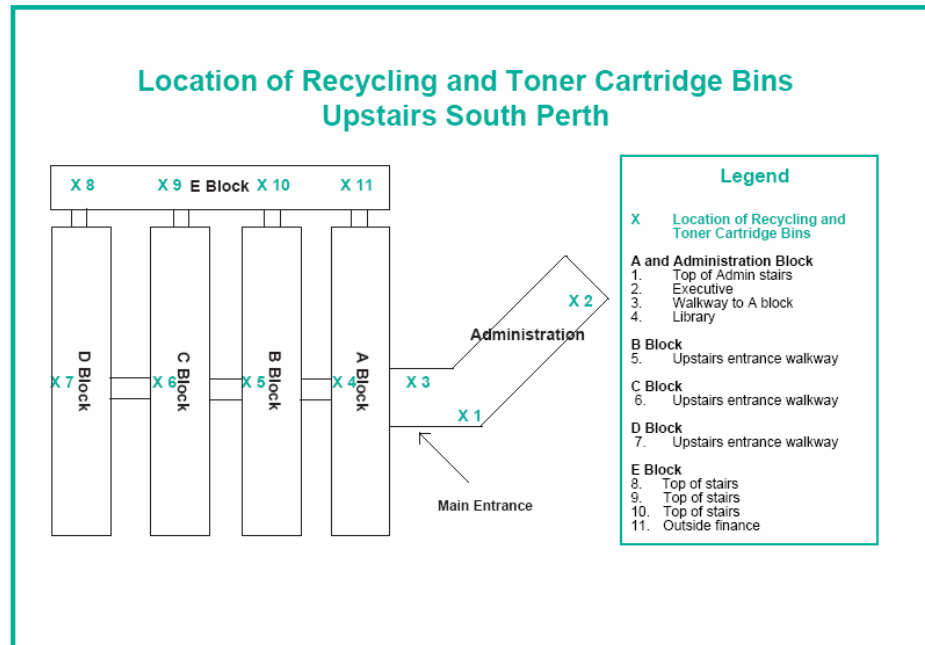


Reasons for Greening the Department

Staff Awareness & Engagement



- Corporate Induction
- Intranet web page
- **CONNECT**
- Updated RRR Policy
- Environmental Purchasing workshops.





Actions to Reduce Waste

Executive introduced paperless meetings in Aug 02, reducing paper use by 33000 pages or 65 reams/yr.

If this went to landfill it would emit 0.66 tonnes of CO₂ = to 2/3 the space of a family home.



Executive Lead by Example



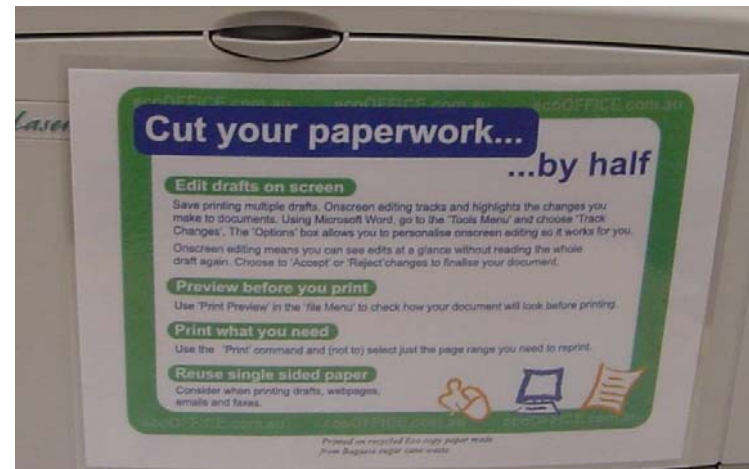
Actions to Reduce Waste



**Print & copy
on both sides.**

Source: Western Regional Waste Management Group www.wrwmg.vic.gov.au
Printed on Recycled Paper

- Halved the number of hard copies of *InterSector*; reduced hard copies of *AgBrief*
- Instructions on printers and photocopiers on reducing paper use
- Multifunction devices
- Purchase in bulk.





Actions to Reuse Resources

- Staff initiatives
- Reusable Stationery Store
- Donate computers to schools
- Reusable mugs
- Reusable furniture store
- Reuse paper as notebooks, in fax machines, drawing paper.





Actions to Recycle Resources

- Paper recycling program
- Toner cartridges recycled
- Staff in regional locations without recycling facilities take action themselves.



(eg Northam staff take recycling to York; Kalgoorlie staff collect recyclable material for local church; Merredin staff donate recyclable material to Lions Club).

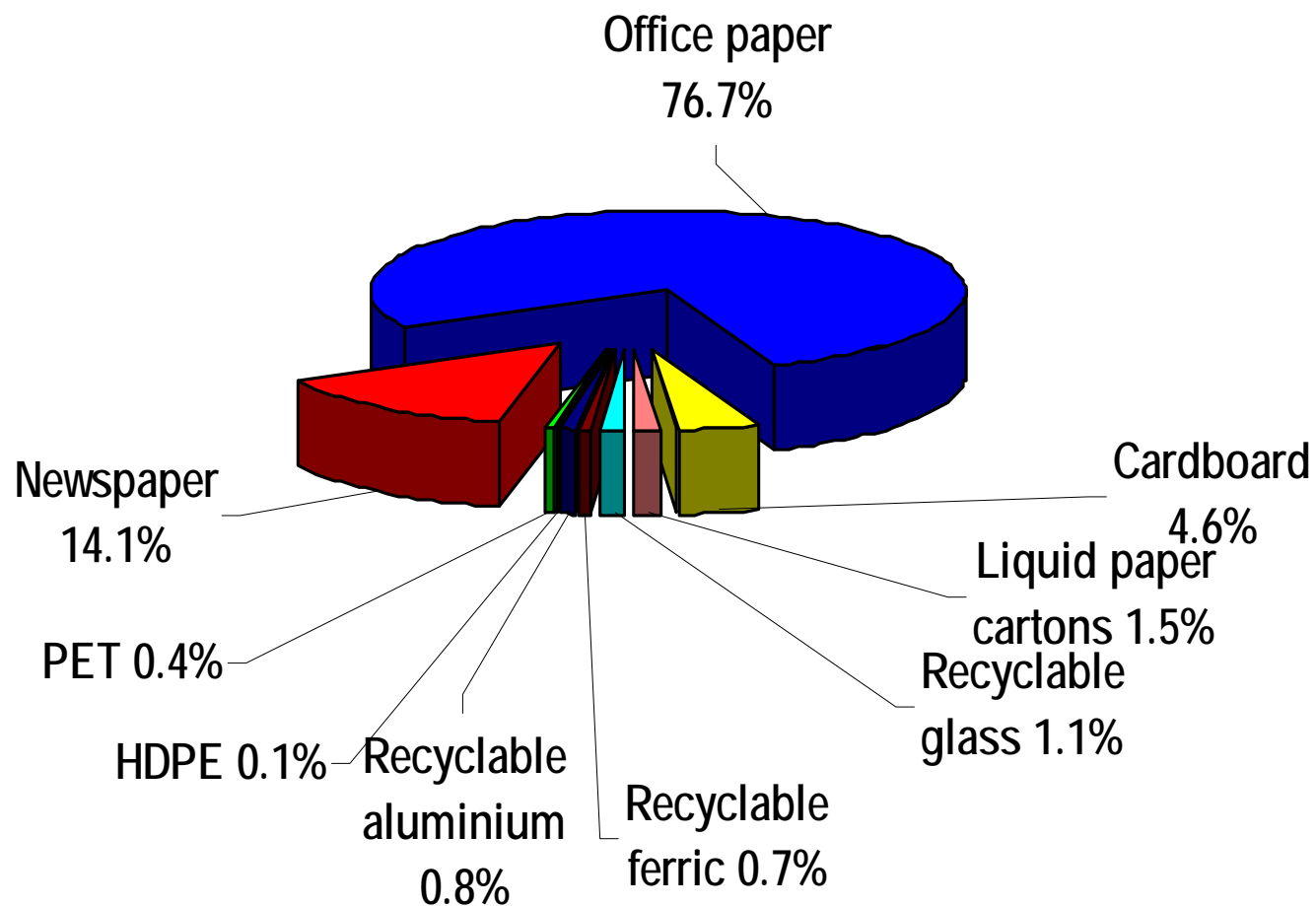
Waste Auditing

- Expensive
- Need support of cleaners
- Don't tell staff its happening.



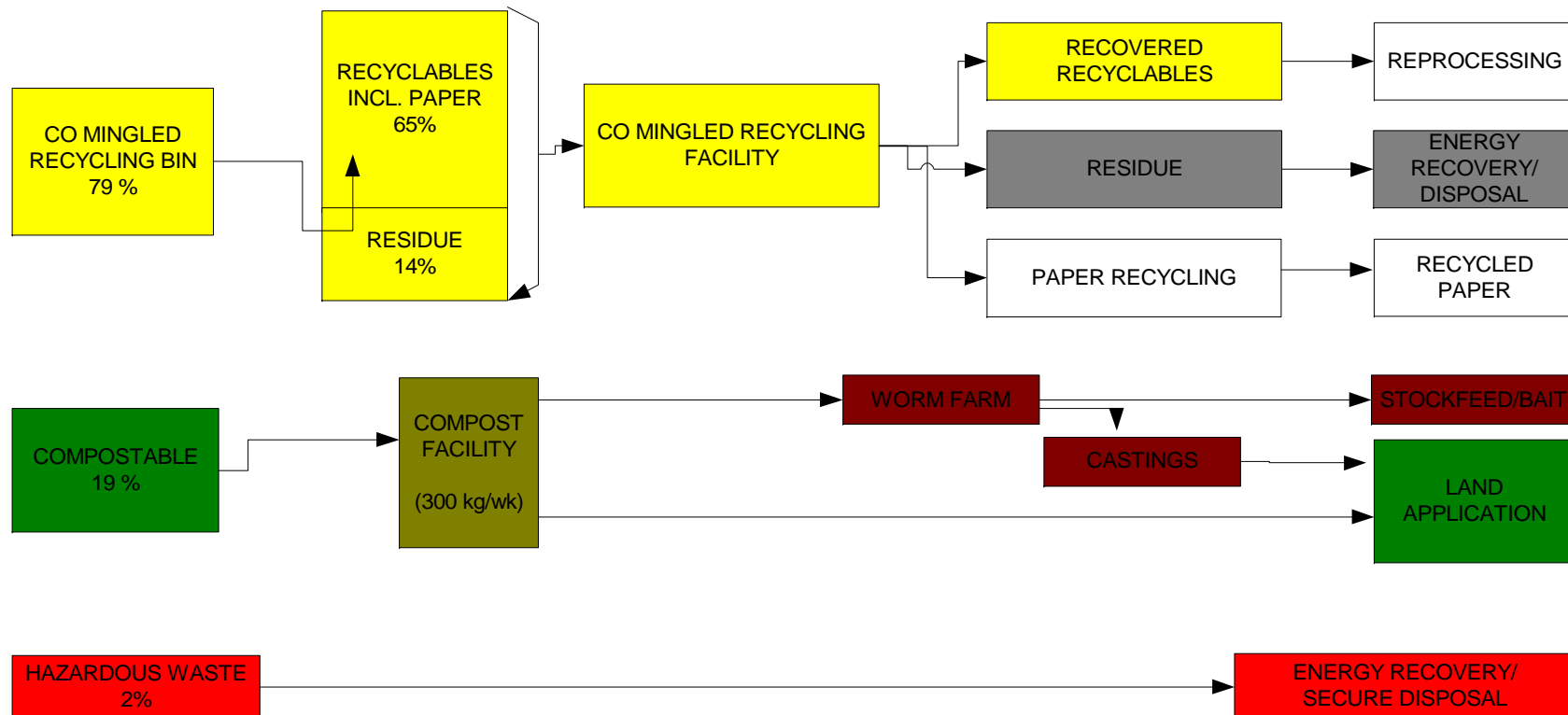


Head Office Audit Results





Recommendations



Proposed Integrated Waste Management System Flow Chart



Barriers to Zero Waste



High quality white office paper must be collected separately and NOT included in co-mingled collection systems.

YOU MAY BE PENALISED FOR CONTAMINATING YOUR PAPER WITH THE ITEMS LISTED OR ANY OTHER UNAUTHORISED MATERIAL.

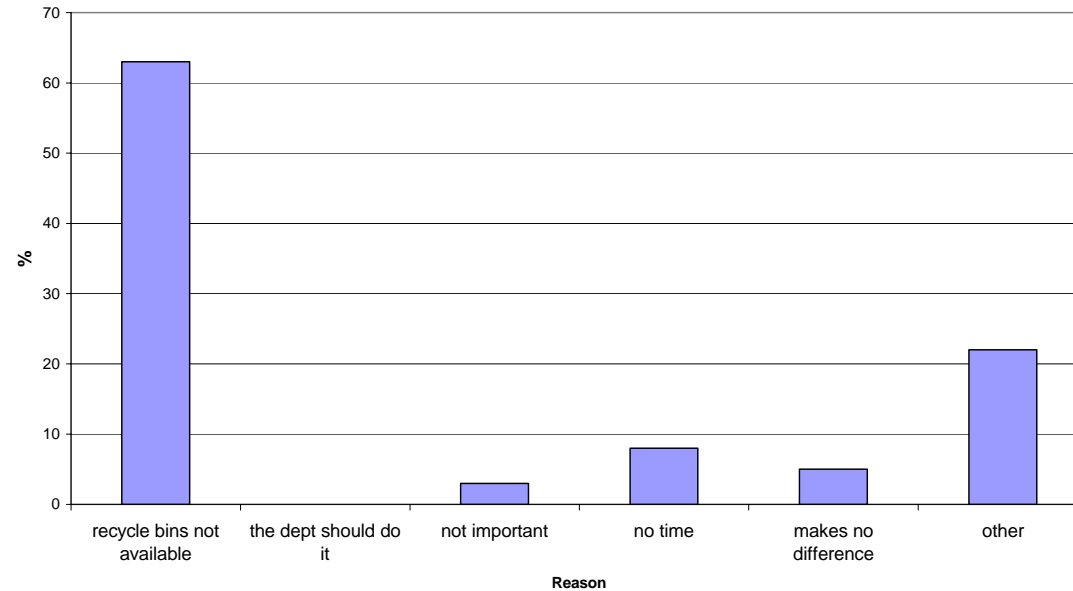
Source: CUA 146001C Waste Paper and Cardboard Collection



Barriers to Zero Waste

- **Lack of recycling facilities in regional locations.**

Why Staff do not Recycle at Work



- **Lack of funding to monitor progress.**

The World of Yesterday



LANDFILL
CIRCA 1999

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A hole in the ground where valuable resources were needlessly buried.

This practice was ended in the early 2000's with the introduction of ZERO WASTE.



Questions?

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