



# NATIONAL PACKAGING COVENANT State Government obligations

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## Presentation overview

- What is the National Packaging Covenant?
- State Government obligations
- Action Plan & Key Performance Indicators
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# What is the National Packaging Covenant (NPC)?

“...voluntary component of a co-regulatory arrangement for managing the environmental impacts of consumer packaging in Australia”



## NPC Objectives

To reduce environmental degradation arising from the disposal of used consumer packaging and conserve resources through:

- Better product design;
- Increased reduction, re-use and recycling of used packaging materials;



## NPC objectives cont...

- Reduced use of non-recyclable materials;
- Reduced amount of used packaging materials going to landfill; and
- Reduced incidence of packaging being littered



## Overarching targets for 2010:

- Increased recycling rate for packaging of 65% :
  - Paper & Cardboard 70 – 80% (currently 64%)
  - Glass 50 – 60% (currently 35%)
  - Steel Cans 60 – 65% (currently 44%)
  - Aluminium Bev 70 – 75% (currently 64%)
  - Plastics 30 – 35% (currently 20%)



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## Overarching targets for 2010:

- Landfill :
  - no increase above current baseline.
- Increased recycling of 'non-recyclable' packaging :
  - 25% (current est. 10%)





## Baseline Data (2003)

- Consumption = 3.47 million tonnes
- Recovery = 1.65 million tonnes [48%]
- Landfill = 1.82 million tonnes



## How the NPC works

### Commitment:

- Organisations including industry and governments become “signatories”
- Required to fulfil obligations:
  - Environmental Code of Practice for Packaging
  - Action Plans and report annually
  - Robust data against KPI’s



## Why sign-up?

- To avoid being subject to the National Environment Protection Measure for Used Packaging Materials (NEPM-UPM)
- WA to implement through Environmental Protection Regulations under the *Environmental Protection Act 1986*



## State Government obligations:

- Implement the NEPM and enforce legislation
- Develop and implement whole-of-government 3-year Action Plan
- Report annually against KPIs, including baseline data (Oct 2006)
- Administer transitional funding (\$300K pa) through the Jurisdictional Project Group
- Promote the Covenant



## WA State Gov't Action Plan

- Drafted and currently awaiting Ministerial approval
- 107 actions
- 16 specifically involve agencies
  - Many relate to collecting and reporting data against KPIs



## Key Performance Indicators

- State Governments – 17 KPIs
- 5 involve all WA Government agencies:
  - (#15) Percentage of agencies providing public place recycling infrastructure
    - Need to report total no. recycling bins provided



## KPIs cont...

- (#16) Percentage of signatories providing recycling collection facilities for post-consumer packaging generated on-site
  - Need to report how many agencies provide facilities



## KPIs cont...

- (#21) Estimated tonnage of consumer packaging sent:
  - (a) for recycling and
  - (b) to landfill from on-site collection facilities
    - Need to report amount of consumer packaging sent for recycling (tonnes & % of total waste)



## KPIs cont...

- (#26) Implementation of Buy Recycled purchasing policy or practices
  
- (#27) Establishment of baseline performance data
  - Need to report established baseline data



## Examples of Agency Actions:

- Work with Government agencies to identify and address barriers to the purchase of recycled content goods
- Develop a website to assist Government officers to implement waste reduction and purchasing policy initiatives



## Agency Actions cont...

- Investigate types of facilities and current status of paper and packaging recycling activities in each agency
- Establish baseline number of recycling collection facilities provided in government offices – KPI 16



## Agency Actions cont...

- Establish reporting mechanism to collect paper, co-mingled recycling and general waste data from each agency – KPI 21
- Waste Audits to be undertaken as deemed statistically necessary to gain adequate data to report annual packaging waste in general waste stream for each Agency – KPI 21



# Waste Management and Recycling Questionnaire

- 117 Agencies
  - 83% completed survey
    - Of these 89% currently recycle.
      - 32% recycle paper only
      - 65% recycle paper and cardboard
      - 38% recycle co-mingled packaging



## Waste Management and Recycling Questionnaire cont...

- Other findings:
  - 11% have conducted a waste audit
  - 14% have a Waste Management Plan
  - 18% have a Waste Management Policy
  - 37% have an Eco-office or equivalent committee

## Waste Management and Recycling Questionnaire cont...

- Public Place Recycling
  - 2% Agencies currently offer public place recycling
  - 14% are actually responsible for waste management in certain public places



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- [www.deh.gov.au/settlements/waste/covenant/](http://www.deh.gov.au/settlements/waste/covenant/)
- [www.zerowastewa.com.au](http://www.zerowastewa.com.au)