

Western Australia

Report to the NEPC on the implementation of the National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure for Western Australia by the Hon Bill Marmion MLA for the reporting year ended 30 June 2012

PART 1 — IMPLEMENTATION OF THE NEPM AND ANY SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The NEPM is implemented in Western Australia (WA) through the Environmental Protection (NEPM-UPM) Regulations 2007 (the Regulations), under the Western Australian *Environmental Protection Act 1986*. The Regulations were gazetted on 27 April 2007 and expired on the 30th June 2012 and are currently being redrafted.

No significant issues arose in the implementation of the NEPM in WA.

PART 2 — ASSESSMENT OF NEPM EFFECTIVENESS

State responsibilities under the NEPM are administered in WA by the Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). DEC has developed a compliance procedure for implementing the Regulations.

During 2011-2012 DEC approached 17 brand owners to whom the NEPM and associated Regulations potentially applied. The approached companies were identified non-signatories that were referred by the Covenant Secretariat for failing to respond to requests to join the Covenant or signatories that were deemed non-compliant.

Of these 17 companies:

- five were confirmed as exempt,
- one was considered a brand owner to whom the regulations did not apply,
- four became signatories,
- two became compliant signatories,
- one was referred to another Jurisdiction, and
- four have failed to respond to correspondence and require follow up during 2012-2013.

There was an overall increase of 15% in WA-based brand owners becoming signatories to the Covenant.

Reporting Year	Number of covenant signatories
2010–11	43 including 2 non-compliant signatories
2011–12	51 including 3 non-compliant

RECOVERY DATA

No WA based companies have been required to provide records for auditing.

SUPPORTING DATA

In collaboration with other jurisdictions, a national survey was undertaken in June 2012 to identify brand owners, represented in the packaged products sold by retailers that are non-signatories to the Covenant. Brand owner details were provided to the nominated Jurisdiction (South Australia) to compile before sending onto the Covenant Secretariat for initial follow up

In WA the 2012 brand owner survey targeted the Hospitality and Services sector.

COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS

No complaints were received, or investigations or prosecutions undertaken, during the 2011-2012 reporting period.

STATEMENT OF INTERPRETATION OF THE INFORMATION

Not applicable

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DATA

Local Government Data will be available at www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au from mid February 2013.

Year (reporting period) : 1 July 2011- 30 June 2012

Number of councils reporting : 140

Percentage of total number of councils : 100%

Materials collected at kerbside, container types, and collection frequencies by number of councils

Material type	Container	Frequency	Number of Councils
Co-mingled dry recyclables	240 MGB	weekly	3
	240 MGB	fortnightly	79
	240 MGB	monthly	1
	60L bag	fortnightly	1
	60L bag	on demand	1
Packaging containers	240 MGB	fortnightly	2
	120 MGB	weekly	2
Paper and cardboard	240 MGB	fortnightly	1
	120 MGB	weekly	1
	Tied bundles	monthly	1

Other types of recycling service provided: 76 councils had access to drop-off recycling services

Total Number of Premises in WA

Residential : 963,059 (WA Planning Commission Band C projections, 2011-12)

Commercial : 33,720 9 (as reported by 126 local governments to the Department of Local Government for 2011-12)

Number of premises serviced by recycling services

Type of premise	Kerbside	Drop-off (optional)
Residential	662,571	485,827
Commercial	17,924	N/A

Median per premise fee charged by Councils for recycling services

Residential : \$ 83

Commercial : \$116

Median per premise cost to Councils for providing recycling services

Residential : \$ 95

Commercial : \$153

Proportion of residential premises with access to recycling services : 91%**Overall participation rate in recycling services** : 91%**Table 1** Amounts of kerbside-collected materials, portion sent for secondary use/energy recovery, and contaminants disposed to landfill

Material types	Recyclable materials collected at kerbside (tonnes)		
	Collected	Sold or sent for secondary use including energy recovery by material type	Residual waste (contaminants) disposed to landfill
Packaging paper, i.e., cardboard and liquid paper board	N/A	*	N/A
Non-packaging paper, i.e., mixed paper, white office paper, newspaper and magazines	N/A	124,320	N/A
Glass	N/A	24,800	N/A
Plastics	N/A	5,597	N/A
Aluminium (cans)	N/A	1,821	N/A
Steel (cans, tins, etc)	N/A	2,584	N/A
Total	201,777	159,122	42,655

*tonnage combined with non-packaging paper

Table 2 Amounts of materials hauled by residents to drop-off facilities, portion sent for secondary use/energy recovery, and contaminants disposed to landfill

Material types	Recyclable materials collected at drop-off facilities (tonnes)		
	Collected	Sold or sent for secondary use including energy recovery by material type	Residual waste (contaminants) disposed to landfill
Packaging paper, i.e., cardboard and liquid paper board	N/A	*	N/A
Non-packaging paper, i.e., mixed paper, white office paper, newspaper and magazines	N/A	7,956	N/A
Glass	N/A	1,731	N/A
Plastics	N/A	442	N/A
Aluminium (cans)	N/A	97	N/A
Steel (cans, tins, etc)	N/A	1,574	N/A
Total	24,297	11,800	12,497

*tonnage combined with non-packaging paper