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Agricultural and veterinary chemicals	ChemClear The ChemClear program manages and delivers solutions for waste disposal of agvet chemicals as part of the Industry Waste Reduction Scheme (IWRS). This initiative has the following objective(s): to collect and dispose of obsolete, inherited and unknown agvet chemicals; to reduce the quantity of agvet chemicals stored on properties across Australia; and to reduce negative impacts on the environment, people and trade in the future	Agricultural and veterinary chemicals, Agricultural chemicals	Agsafe
Batteries	B-Cycle B-cycle is a national battery recycling scheme which aims to create a circular economy for batteries as a leading model for product stewardship. This initiative has the following objective(s): Zero battery waste to landfill through strong community accessibility, acceptance and engagement in recycling; Safety risks of batteries to be successfully managed by the community and industry; A domestic battery recycling industry that is self-sustaining, profitable and growing; Sustained financial security and efficiency for the Scheme.	Batteries, Button batteries, Rechargeable batteries, Easily removable batteries	Battery Stewardship Council (BSC)
Bedding	Bedding Stewardship Scheme The Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC) is a not-for-profit entity that was established in 2020 to tackle the problem of end-of-life mattresses in Australia and keep them out of landfill. Administered by the ABSC, the Bedding Stewardship Scheme is a product stewardship scheme that launched in March 2023. It focuses on end of life materials, end markets and in future, a whole of life cycle approach to mattress production, to ensure: • reduced waste generation • use of recycled and recyclable materials • improved design and manufacturing processes for product longevity, and ability to dismantle for recycling The ABSC's membership is made up of bedding industry participants and approved mattress recyclers. Membership fees or the Bedding Stewardship Scheme product stewardship fee will be spent on: • facilitation of end-of-life mattress landfill diversion solutions and commercial opportunities • research and development for material reuse and new markets to achieve environmental outcomes and reduce the cost of recycling • raising awareness through marketing and PR to educate consumers and increase participation by industry • growing the mattress recycling network in metro and regional areas • scheme administration	Mattresses, Bedding	Australian Bedding Stewardship Council (ABSC)

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Clothing textiles	Seamless Australia Seamless, the national clothing product stewardship scheme aims to improve the design, recovery, reuse and recycling of textiles. This initiative has the following objective(s): i) to provide a roadmap to 2030 for clothing circularity in Australia in line with National Waste Policy Action Plan targets, ii) enable industry collaboration to achieve environmental and social improvements, iii) decouple economic performance from virgin resource use and transition to renewable energy and material, iv) ensure economic and social well-being are preserved during the transition towards circularity, v) empower industry and consumers to take greater responsibility in production/consumption of clothing.	Clothing textiles, Fashion	Clothing Stewardship Australia Ltd
Electrical and electronic products	Cartridges for Planet Ark The Cartridges for Planet Ark is a national product stewardship scheme for printer cartridges. It is run by the Planet Ark Foundation in association with participating manufacturers and recycling partner Close the Loop. This initiative has the following objective(s): to collect and return cartridges for remanufacturing and recycling to keep them out of landfill.	Printer cartridges, Toner bottles, Drum units, Fuser kits	Planet Ark Environmental Foundation
Electrical and electronic products	Fluorocycle FluoroCycle is a national product stewardship focussing on mercury-containing lamps targeting commercial and public lighting. This initiative has the following objective(s): to increase the recycling of lamps that contain mercury and reduce the amount of mercury entering the environment. To achieve this, FluoroCycle provides a national, voluntary scheme which businesses, government agencies and other organisations can join as Signatories. The scheme gives public recognition to Signatories for their commitment to recycling.	Mercury containing lamps	Lighting Council of Australia
Electrical and electronic products	MobileMuster MobileMuster is the product stewardship program of the telecommunications industry and is accredited by the federal government. It is voluntarily initiative funded by all of the major handset manufacturers and network carriers to provide a free mobile phone recycling program in Australia to the highest environmental standard. The program is committed to raising awareness and educating the community on repair, reuse and recycling. The initiative received a grant from the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund to develop a business case to expand the scope. In 2022 the scope was expanded to include: modems, smart home technology, landline phones, digital boxes and tablets.	Mobile phones, Smart-watches, Modems, Accessories, Batteries in electronic devices, Routers, Digital set-top boxes, Landline phones, Wearables, Smart home devices	Australian Mobile Telecommunication Association

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Electrical and electronic products	NTCRS - Ecoactiv (Activ Group Solutions) The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS), established in 2011, gives Australian households and small businesses free access to industry-funded collection and recycling services for televisions and computers, including printers, computer parts and peripherals. The NTCRS builds on state, territory and local government e-waste management. Ecoactiv is an approved co-regulatory arrangement under the NTCRS, managed by the Activ Group. The initiative has the following objective(s): to provide waste and disposal programs, to reduce environmental and social impacts of consumption, to design and deliver a product stewardship and waste solution for manufacturers and brands as part of their ‘social licence to operate’, to develop systems and methodologies to better manage unwanted or end of useful life products and integrate environmental principles into their day-to-day services and operational processes.	Televisions, Computers, Printers, Laptops, Computer parts, Accessories	Activ Group Solutions Pty Ltd (Ecoactiv)
Electrical and electronic products	NTCRS - Ecocycle The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS), established in 2011, gives Australian households and small businesses free access to industry-funded collection and recycling services for televisions and computers, including printers, computer parts and peripherals. The NTCRS builds on state, territory and local government e-waste management. Ecocycle is an approved co-regulatory arrangement under the NTCRS. Ecocycle is part of Recycal, an experienced metal recycling group that provides a range of metal recycling solutions. This initiative has the following objective(s): to recycle mercury in every capital city in Australia, and to invest in new equipment and purpose-built sites.	Televisions, Computers, Printers, Laptops, Desktops, Computer parts, Accessories	Ecocycle Pty Ltd
Electrical and electronic products	NTCRS - Ecycle Solutions The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS), established in 2011, gives Australian households and small businesses free access to industry-funded collection and recycling services for televisions and computers, including printers, computer parts and peripherals. The NTCRS builds on state, territory and local government e-waste management. Ecycle Solutions is an approved co-regulatory arrangement under the NTCRS. This initiative has three regulated outcomes i) provide reasonable access to collection services ii) meet annual recycling targets (ie collected) iii) meet material recovery target of 90%.	Televisions, Computers, Printers, Laptops, Desktops, Computer parts, Accessories	QLS Group

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Electrical and electronic products	NTCRS - Sustainable Product Stewards The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS), established in 2011, gives Australian households and small businesses free access to industry-funded collection and recycling services for televisions and computers, including printers, computer parts and peripherals. The NTCRS builds on state, territory and local government e-waste management. Sustainable Product Stewards (SPS) is an approved co-regulatory arrangement under the NTCRS. This initiative has the following objective(s): to extract the highest commodity recovery, to minimise waste to landfill, to conduct processes to the highest standards of environmental compliance and safety, to ensure greatest preservation of resource and support a sustainable circular economy, and to support disadvantaged communities.	Televisions, Computers, Printers, Laptops, Desktops, Computer parts, Accessories	Sustainable Product Stewards Pty Ltd
Electrical and electronic products	NTCRS – ANZRP / Techcollect The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS), established in 2011, gives Australian households and small businesses free access to industry-funded collection and recycling services for televisions and computers, including printers, computer parts and peripherals. The NTCRS builds on state, territory and local government e-waste management. TechCollect is an approved co-regulatory arrangement under the NTCRS. This initiative has three regulated outcomes i) provide reasonable access to collection services ii) meet annual recycling targets (ie collected) iii) meet material recovery target of 90%.	Televisions, Computers, Printers, Laptops, Desktops, Computer parts, Accessories	Australia New Zealand Recycling Platform (ANZRP)
Flooring	ResiLoop - Stewardship for resilient flooring The objective of ResiLoop is to enable a circular future for floor coverings in Australia. ResiLoop is a registered charity backed by major suppliers in the resilient flooring industry to promote a circular economy for floorcoverings in Australia. Initiated by the Australian Resilient Flooring Association (ARFA) in 2021 and established independent operations in 2024, ResiLoop intends to recover flooring waste for local recycling. With the commitment of leading product suppliers and collaboration with supply chain participants to expand collections, ResiLoop will invest in R&D efforts to identify new applications for recycled materials and to improve recycling infrastructure and processes, reducing landfill waste and advancing circularity across the industry.	Flooring, Vinyl flooring	Resiloop Limited
Footwear and Sports Balls	TreadLightly (previously Save Our Soles) TreadLightly is a program that aims to reduce the volume of footwear sent to landfill each year. This initiative was supported by the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund. It has the following objective(s): to	Sports balls	Australian Sporting Goods

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	develop a scalable national model for sports shoe collection, processing and recycling into Australian-made flooring for commercial and domestic uses. The scheme provides collection and recycling of tennis balls, basketballs, volleyballs, footballs and other types of similar inflatable balls. This initiative was funded by the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund and was expanded with support from Wilson Sporting Co.		Association (ASGA)
Hair & Beauty Products	Sustainable Salons Recycling Service Sustainable Salons is a social enterprise that embraces the People, Planet & Profit model of sustainability, and encourages its members to do so too. They use financial proceeds to create local employment, support charities and give back to communities (financially, resource-driven and through volunteering). Their initiative's objectives are to minimise the salon industry's impact on the planet.	Hair products, Salon metals, Hair, Salon cleaning products, Sharps	Sustainable Salons Pty Ltd
Newspapers and magazines	ThinkNewsBrands product stewardship initiatives ThinkNewsBrands is part of the Premium Content Alliance group which consists of Australia's leading television, digital and print media companies. ThinkNewsBrands manages the newspaper and magazine publishers product stewardship agreement with governments. This initiative has the following objective(s): to help publishers make decisions to support recycling, to advance the recycling of newspapers and a commitment to using sustainable materials.	Newspapers	ThinkNewsBrands
Oil	Product Stewardship for Oil Program This national product stewardship scheme for oil products follows the approach that a levy on sales of certain oil products is used to subsidise the recycling of these used oils. This initiative has the following objective(s): to collect and to re-refine majority of waste oil in Australia, to develop a waste oil recycling industry, environmentally sustainable management of its waste products.	Lubricating oil	Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment
Packaging	Cash for Containers - NT Cash for Containers is the container deposit scheme in the Northern Territory. This initiative has the following objective(s): to reduce the amount of litter in the environment, to increase recycling, and to reduce the amount of rubbish being disposed to landfill.	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	Multiple Coordinators

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Packaging	Container Deposit Scheme - ACT This initiative is the container deposit scheme for the Australian Capital Territory. This initiative has the following objective(s): to encourage recycling, to reduce litter and the number of containers going to landfill.	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	Exchange for Change
Packaging	Container Deposit Scheme - SA This initiative is the container deposit scheme for South Australia. This initiative has the following objective(s): To increase beverage containers recovery and recycling rates, and to reduce litter.	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	Multiple Coordinators
Packaging	Containers for Change - QLD Containers for Change is the container deposit scheme for Queensland. This initiative has the following objective(s): to incentivise recycling of containers, to protect the environment, to create job opportunities, and to support local communities.	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	Containers for Change

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Packaging	Containers for Change - WA Containers for Change is the container deposit scheme for Western Australia. This initiative has the following objective(s): to reduce litter, to improve recycling efforts, to create job opportunities, to support communities, to have a cleaner state and make sure manufacturers fulfill their product stewardship responsibilities.	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	Western Australia Return Recycle Renew
Packaging	Return & Earn - NSW Return & Earn is the container deposit scheme for New South Wales. This initiative has the following objective(s): to reduce litter, and to improve recycling outcomes.	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	Exchange for Change
Packaging	Container Deposit Scheme - VIC This initiative is the container deposit scheme for Victoria. This initiative has the following objective(s): to reduce litter and waste, to increase and improve recycling, to create jobs and economic opportunities, and to have a cleaner state.	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	CDS Victoria - name TBC

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Packaging	Container Refund Scheme - TAS This initiative is a container refund scheme from Tasmania. This initiative has the following objective(s): to reduce litter, and to increase recycling and resource recovery	Plastic containers, Aluminium containers, Glass containers, Steel containers, Beverage packaging, Liquid paperboard containers	CDS Tasmania - name TBC
Packaging	drumMUSTER drumMUSTER is a national stewardship program of Agsafe. This initiative has the following objective(s): to provide an easy, environmentally-friendly way of disposing empty farming chemical containers across rural Australia.	Empty containers from agricultural and veterinary chemicals	Agsafe
Packaging	NEPM - Australian Packaging Covenant The National Environment Protection Measure 2011 (NEPM) created a national regulatory framework the Australian Packaging Covenant ('the Covenant') that sets out how governments and businesses across Australia share the responsibility for managing the environmental impacts of packaging. The Covenant has been the principal national instrument to reduce the environmental impacts of Consumer Packaging in Australia since 1999, complementing the work the States and Territories have undertaken on packaging and litter. The Covenant aims to reduce the environmental impacts of Consumer Packaging by supporting two goals: i) Optimising resource recovery of Consumer Packaging through the supply chain ii) Preventing the impacts of fugitive packaging on the environment. The Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) is a co-regulatory not-for-profit which partners with government and industry to reduce the harmful impact of packaging on the Australian environment. APCO's vision is a packaging value chain that collaborates to keep packaging materials out of landfill and retains the maximum value of the materials, energy and labour within the local economy.	Consumer packaging	Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO)
Packaging	Simply Cups Simply Cups is a paper cup recycling program aiming to save cups from landfill and give them a second life. With collection locations Australia wide, Simply Cups has the following objective(s): 1. Encourage businesses to be a leader in sustainability through accountability of their paper cups lifecycle 2. Continue to improve recycling technologies and innovations to transform used paper cups into valuable resources. This initiative has been given funding by the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund.	Coffee cups, Paper cups	Closed Loop Environmental Solutions

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Packaging	PP5 Recycling Garden City Plastics, a major plant pot manufacturer in collaboration with Norwood Industries (manufacturer of plant labels and tags), recyclers Polymer Processors and Nursery & Garden Industry Victoria have established and implemented the PP5 plastic recycling program with collection points in many major cities in Australia.	Plant pots, Polypropylene (PP) plant packaging	Garden City Plastics
Packaging	PODcycle PODcycle is a national product stewardship recycling program focussing on coffee capsules. This initiative is funded by the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund. This initiative has the following objective(s): To develop a national product stewardship scheme, and to collect and recycle coffee capsules.	Coffee pods	Planet Ark Environmental Foundation
Packaging	Pharmacycle Pharmacycle is an Australia wide end to end recycling program for household and commercial medicinal blister pack waste.	Household and commercial medicinal blister pack waste.	Pharmacycle
Packaging	Soft Plastics Stewardship Australia Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia (SPSA) is an independent, not-for-profit product stewardship scheme established by leading brands and retailers. Building on the retailer-led Soft Plastic Taskforce and the Australian Food and Grocery Council (AFGC)-led National Plastic Recycling Scheme (NPRS), SPSA was created to overcome longstanding challenges in soft plastic recycling. SPSA has now received an eight-year authorisation from the ACCC to operate a national scheme, using levies from brand owners and retailers to fund market failures across the supply chain. The scheme levy may also include future incentives for brand owners to redesign packaging for better recyclability and higher recycled content.	Soft plastics packaging	Soft Plastics Stewardship Australia
Paint and paint containers	Paintback Paintback® is an industry-led initiative designed to divert unwanted paint and packaging from ending up in landfill and vital waterways. It is driven by the Australian paint industry and the major companies that supply around 90% of all the architectural and decorative (A&D) paint sold in Australia. This initiative's objectives are to dispose of unwanted paint and researching new ways to repurpose unwanted paint materials and help develop a circular economy. This includes providing free drop-off and recycling services to DIY and trade painters for paint and packaging.	Architectural paint, Decorative paint, Paint and paint containers	Paintback

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Plastic pipes	Plumbing Industry Plastic Recycling Scheme This Scheme provides collection points across WA for PVC and PE plastic pipe offcuts. It has the following objectives: educate apprentice plumbers about recycling plastic pipe and fittings off-cuts, and provide an outlet for plumbers in Perth to dispose of offcuts, diverting them from landfill and into recycling pathways. This initiative is oriented towards Business to Business (B2B).	Plastic Pipes - PE, Plastic Pipes - PP, Plastic Pipes - PVC	Plastics Industry Pipe Association Ltd
Plastics	Plastics Stewardship Australia The Plastics Stewardship Australia is an initiative of Chemistry Australia, which represents plastics raw material producers, importers, distributors, processors and manufacturers, compounders, recyclers and research organisations. This initiative includes the program Operation Clean Sweep with the goal of zero pellet loss.	Plastics	Chemistry Australia
Plastics	PVC Recycling in Hospitals Program The PVC Recycling in Hospitals program is an initiative of the Vinyl Council of Australia. This initiative has the following objective(s): to collect high-quality, used PVC medical products for recycling into useful new products.	PVC, Plastic bags, Plastic oxygen masks, Plastic oxygen tubing	Vinyl Council Australia
Plastics	PVC Stewardship Program The PVC Stewardship Program (PSP) is a national, voluntary initiative focussing on PVC and vinyl. This initiative has the following objective(s): to enable raw material suppliers, products manufacturers and distributors to be joint stewards of the safe and beneficial production, use and disposal of PVC products.	PVC	Vinyl Council Australia
Plastics for agriculture	Big Bag Recovery Big Bag Recovery is the Australian Government Accredited Product Stewardship scheme for plastic bags over 15kg/l of contents (sacks and bulk bags). This initiative has the following objective(s): to collect bags for products over 15kg or 15 litres directly from farms, industrial sites or local government waste drop-offs and to recycle these bags into other products.	Plastic bags for agriculture	Big Waste Recovery
Plastics for agriculture	bagMUSTER bagMUSTER, an industry-led, not-for-profit program dedicated to addressing single-use plastic bag waste in Australian agriculture. Operated by Agsafe, bagMUSTER offers a structured, sustainable solution for collecting and recycling agricultural plastic bags, specifically single-use polypropylene (PP) bags used for fertilisers, seeds, grain, stock feed, and pet food. Our mission is to promote responsible waste disposal, reduce on-farm plastic waste, and support product stewardship across the agricultural community.	Plastic bags for agriculture	Agsafe

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	bagMUSTER officially launched in early 2025, with collection sites across Western Victoria selected for their established recycling infrastructure. This ensures that 100% of collected bags are responsibly recycled right here in Australia, where the plastics are transformed into new products. As bagMUSTER continues to grow, we are preparing for future phases, which will see the program expand into other states.		
Refrigeration	Refrigerant Reclaim Australia (RRA) Refrigerant Reclaim Australia (RRA) is the product stewardship organisation for the Australian refrigerants industry. RRA is a not-for-profit organisation created to work nationally with industry to share the responsibility for, and costs of, recovering, reclaiming and destroying surplus and unwanted refrigerants. The initiative has the following objective(s): to improve the industry's environmental performance by reducing the level of emissions of refrigerants through its take-back program.	Fridges, Freezers, Cabinets, Coolers	Refrigerant Reclaim Australia (RRA)
Textiles	TexBack: PVC polyester textiles stewardship scheme TexBack is developing a national product stewardship scheme for PVC coated textiles. This initiative was supported by the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund. This initiative has the following objective(s): to trial a new chemical separation technology, and to promote new local markets for recovered polyester.	PVC in textiles, Polyester composite textiles, Grain covers, Tarpaulins, Advertising banners, Tents and marquees, Roofing and ground sheets, Truck tarps, Marine fabrics, Swimming pool liners, Upholstery fabrics	Vinyl Council Australia

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Tyres	Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme The scheme promotes environmentally sustainable collection and recycling processes to develop viable local markets for tyre-derived products. This initiative has the following objective(s): to transform a waste product into a valuable commodity, to create new industries and employment, and to reduce the environmental harm caused by the illegal dumping of old tyres. TSA received a grant from the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund for "improving tyre recovery within the mining sector", to promote the recycling of mining, agriculture and aviation vehicle tyres, rubber tracks and conveyor belts.	Truck tyres, Passenger tyres, Bus tyres, Off the road tyres (including agriculture, mining, construction and aviation)	Tyre Stewardship Australia