

## ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY VICTORIA

Sustainability Victoria is a Victorian Government agency with a statutory objective to facilitate and promote environmental sustainability in the use of resources.

We are all about information, advice and support to tackle climate change and use our precious resources wisely. We work with individuals, households, schools, communities, businesses and local authorities to embrace sustainable practices. We fund great ideas and help bring them to life. We explore creative solutions and show they can work. We connect great minds. But there is still a lot of work to do.

Victoria's population growth continues to be the fastest in Australia. Our challenge is to manage this growth so that public amenity and health is maintained and improved. The waste and resource recovery sector is fundamental to doing so and SV seeks to address a range of challenges to realise the full economic value of resource recovery opportunities.

## ROLE IN BATTERY STEWARDSHIP

SV is involved in product stewardship initiatives for a range of priority products and materials, engaging broadly across community, industry, academia, local, state and federal governments. SV are active members of ABRI and have supported national efforts to establish a product stewardship approach for batteries in Australia since 2013.

SV also established the "Batteryback" program in Victoria until it was novated to ABRI in 2015. SV has also managed Victoria's "Detox Your Home" program since it was established in 1994. This program provides Victorian households with free access to safe disposal points for end-of-life handheld batteries and other highly toxic, unwanted household chemicals in collaboration with local Victorian councils.

## HISTORY

SV has a long history supporting several national product stewardship approaches and waste and resource recovery programs for various priority materials, including e-waste, paint and tyres.

These programs have all been successful in providing a clear picture of the barriers and opportunities for each waste stream, assisting to identify evidence, and trial systems that efficiently cost and recover priority products. SV has also worked to inform policy and regulatory options and provide evidence for potential stewardship interventions.

SV (on behalf of the Victorian Government, with support from all states and territories) are presently leading research to assess national stewardship approaches for end-of-life PV systems, through more guided and responsible product design, recovery and treatment.

## COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

Victoria's waste and resource recovery sector contributes over \$4 billion to our state's economy and employs over 12,000 people. It also manages the environmental impact of waste and helps our communities to maintain and improve their quality of life.

To support a thriving waste and resource recovery sector, Victoria is moving towards a circular economy - where materials are kept circulating within the economy at their greatest value for as long as possible.

Creating a circular economy in Victoria will create a future of wellbeing, vitality and prosperity to ensure we are the most sustainable state in Australia by 2030.

Sustainability Victoria has been thinking circular for a number of years. We are advocates of circular economy and we apply the principles in our program design and delivery.

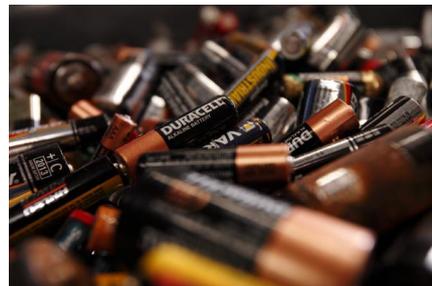
We understand circular economy is complex and requires commitment from industry, government and the community.

We encourage all Victorians to:

- Rethink the way we extract, produce, consume and manage our resources
- Recover products and extract high-value materials from these goods
- Reuse products and materials, purchase and lease recovered and reusable products.

## WHY DOES SUSTAINABILITY VICTORIA VALUE BEING AN ABRI MEMBER?

The Australian Battery Recycling Initiative provides a unique forum where battery manufacturers, importers, retailers and recyclers can work collaboratively alongside Governments and industry associations to address product life-cycle impacts, and develop strategies (both educational and operational) to utilise resources to their fullest potential.



## CORPORATE PROFILE

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## ABRI'S VISION

ABRI's vision is to achieve battery stewardship in Australia by:

- Advocating for a national battery recycling scheme,
- Developing and promoting best practices for battery collection and recycling, and
- Creating opportunities for information exchange, collaboration, and policy development.

## AT THE FORFRONT

ABRI is at the forefront of industry research and development in Australia and internationally. In addition to having a strong membership base in Australia, ABRI is connected to key players in Europe and the US, enabling us to stay current with the latest policy and best practices.

Our membership is pursuing innovative solutions to battery stewardship, including scheme design, packaging options, best practice guidelines, and analysis of emerging sectors such as fire safety and energy storage.

## ABRI MEMBERS

ABRI members represent the spectrum of players in the battery life-cycle, including manufacturers, importers, energy storage providers, retailers, recyclers, government agencies, and non-profit organizations.

It is this diverse membership that is our strength in that it provides us with a broad perspective on the challenges and opportunities facing battery stewardship in Australia.

## INDUSTRY VOICE

ABRI is regularly in conversation with industry stakeholders, as well as local, state and federal government, to increase awareness of the industry's concerns and to pursue proactive realistic solutions for improved recovery. We provide input both at the strategic level for creating a national scheme for recycling batteries and at the tactical level in designing best practices for battery collection and recycling.

Together, we influence policy, participate in research, and facilitate trials to ensure that battery handling and recovery options are safe, efficient and business friendly

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