

# Appendix D:

## Circular economy programs

### Circular economy policy – recycle goal programs

Figure D1: Implementation of recycle goal programs, 2020–24

Key commitment	Recycle goal		Implementation		
	Action	Program	Expected	Revised to	Completed
5 Reforming the way households recycle	5.1 Household recycling reforms	Kerbside Reform	July 2023	March 2027*	
		Education and behaviour change	June 2024	December 2025*	
	5.2 Introduce a container deposit scheme	Container Deposit Scheme	July 2023	November 2023*	November 2023
6 Introducing fit-for-purpose landfill levies	6.1 Landfill (waste) levy changes	Landfill (waste) levy changes	June 2023		June 2023
	6.2 Illegal waste disposal program	Illegal waste disposal program	July 2023	June 2024*	June 2024
	6.3 landfill levy auditing	landfill levy auditing	July 2023	June 2024*	June 2024
7 Improving the governance and regulation of the waste and recycling sector	7.1 Regulate waste as an essential service	New Circular Economy Act, Regulations and Authority	July 2023	Early 2025*	
	7.2 Plan for recycling infrastructure over the long term	<i>Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan</i>	February 2024	June 2024*	May 2024
8 Increasing the use of recycled materials	8.1 Recycling Markets Acceleration Package	Recycling Markets Acceleration Package (the department and EPA)	July 2023		July 2023
		Recycling Markets Acceleration Package (Sustainability Victoria)	March 2024	June 2025*	
		Reducing Regulatory Barriers	April 2024		April 2024
	8.2 Public leadership in recycling	Recycled First Policy	February 2022		February 2022
		Recycled First Program	August 2023		August 2023
	8.3 Recycling Industry and Infrastructure Development Package	Industry and Infrastructure Development Package	July 2023	August 2027*	
9 Encouraging appropriate waste-to-energy investment	9.1 Develop a waste-to-energy framework	Waste-to-Energy Policy/Framework	January 2022		January 2022

Note: \*Some programs have had multiple revisions to their completion dates. Implementation progress reflects milestone completion and does not include final completion, which requires evaluation. The dates shown are the most recent estimates for when each program is expected to be completed.

Source: VAGO, based on information provided by the department and other audited agencies.

Figure D2: Recycle goal key commitments and actions

Key commitment	Action	Programs	Lead agency	Other agencies responsible
5 Reforming the way households recycle	5.1 Household recycling reforms	Kerbside Reform	The department	Local councils
	Statewide education and behaviour change programs*	Education and behaviour change	Sustainability Victoria	The department
	5.2 Introduce a container deposit scheme	Container Deposit Scheme	The department	
6 Introducing fit-for-purpose landfill levies	6.1 Landfill levy reform	Landfill (waste) levy changes	EPA	The department
	6.2 Illegal waste disposal program	Illegal waste disposal program	EPA	
	6.3 Landfill levy auditing	Landfill levy auditing	EPA	
7 Improving the governance and regulation of the waste and recycling sector	7.1 Regulate waste as an essential service	New Circular Economy Act, Regulations and Authority	The department	
	7.2 Plan for recycling infrastructure over the long term	<i>Victorian Recycling Infrastructure Plan</i>	The department	
8 Increasing the use of recycled materials	8.1 Recycling Markets Acceleration Package	Recycling Markets Acceleration Package	The department	Sustainability Victoria
		Reducing Regulatory Barriers	EPA	
	8.2 Public leadership in recycling	Recycled First Policy (EcologiQ)	Victorian Infrastructure Delivery Authority	The department
		Recycled First Program (local government)	Sustainability Victoria	
	8.3 Recycling Industry and Infrastructure Development Package	Recycling Industry and Infrastructure Development Package	Sustainability Victoria	
9 Encouraging appropriate waste-to-energy investment	9.1 Develop a waste-to-energy framework	<i>Victorian waste to energy framework</i>	The department	

Note: Statewide education and behaviour change programs is not under the recycle goal but supports household recycling reforms and is therefore included in our assessment.

Source: VAGO, based on the department's *Recycling Victoria: A new economy*.