

# Video transcript: Recycling Resources from Waste

## About this audit

We examined if Victoria is on track to meet its recycling targets.

We examined the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action and 3 other agencies.

## Some background

Victoria produces over 14 million tonnes of waste each year.

In 2020, the government introduced a 10-year plan for processing waste in Victoria – the Recycling Victoria, or Circular Economy, Policy.

We looked at the plan's 3 targets related to recycling.

## What we concluded

We found that the government has improved Victoria's recycling capacity by:

- introducing the container deposit scheme
- increasing the cost of disposing of waste in landfill
- using more recycled materials in government projects
- and releasing a 30-year plan for Victoria's recycling infrastructure.

But it's only on track to meet one of its recycling targets.

## Recycling targets

The government is on track to ensure every household has access to food and garden organic recycling by 2030.

But Victoria isn't on track to divert 80 per cent of all waste from landfill by 2030 and has made little progress since 2018.

We also don't know if Victoria is on track to halve the amount of organic waste going to landfill because the department doesn't accurately measure the types of waste in landfill.

## What we recommended

We made 3 recommendations:

- one about finding opportunities to strengthen Victoria's recycling system for important waste streams
- one about strengthening guidance and support for risk reporting
- and one about collecting and communicating data.

## More information

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