## **Commodities not** Waste

Designing a circular value chain of regenerative resources

Matt Genever, Interim CEO October 2022





## Our purpose Accelerating Victoria's transition to a circular, climate resilient <u>clean economy</u>

Our ambitious and exciting agenda will deliver a decade of action towards net zero emissions, reducing waste and building climate-resilient communities across Victoria.

**SV2030:** A decade of action

## SV2030: Our vision





An increase in net-zero carbon homes and schools



Improved household waste sorting and organics composting



More homes sharing renewable energy



More products 5 manufactured from recycled materials



More jobs in the clean energy and waste recovery sectors



Communities embracing re-use and repair facilities



Our emissions and waste intelligence informing public policy

## SV2030: Targets





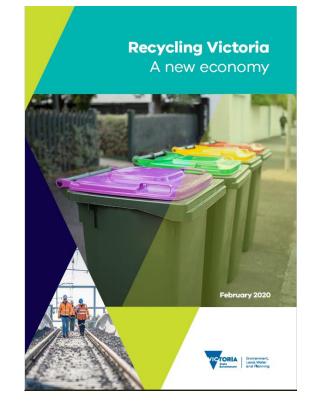
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### Victoria's plan

The circular economy plan, **Recycling Victoria: A new economy** is a ten-year plan that will completely overhaul Victoria's recycling sector, supported by more than **\$380m** funding that will:

- Transform Victoria's recycling sector
- Generate jobs and create a new economy
- Drive investment and innovation to reduce waste



## Victoria's circular economy plan



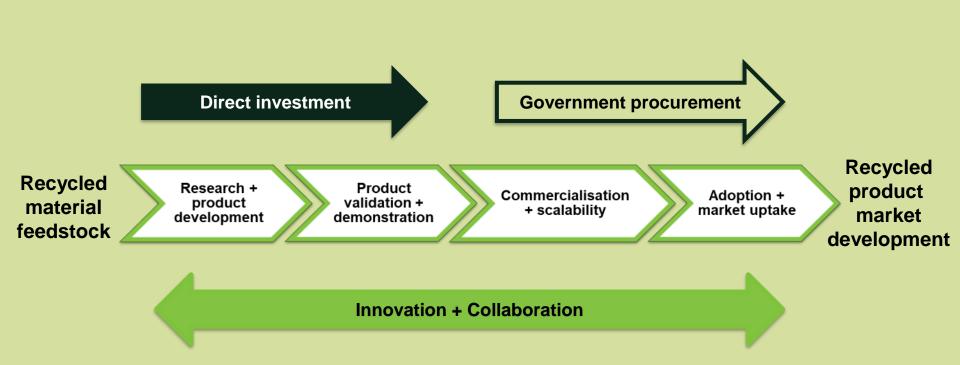
#### **Key reforms**

- Circular Economy Act 2021, enabling stronger regulation and data collection
- Establishment of **Recycling Victoria**, our new waste authority in July 2022
- Reform the household recycling system, through the introduction of a 4-bin system that includes a service for organics, recycling, glass and waste
- Introduce a container deposit scheme by 2022/23



The Age, Feb 24 2020

## **Innovation and market development**

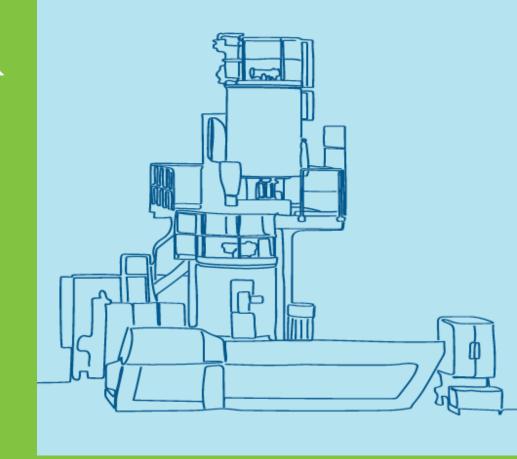


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### **Turbocharging recycling**

- New plastic processing
- New paper and cardboard processing
- New glass recycling



Victorian Government's **\$30.46M** Recycling Markets Acceleration Package (RMAP) is driving demand for recycled materials across the economy by:

Supporting the development new innovative products

- Improving market confidence in recycled products and materials
- > Reducing unnecessary regulatory barriers for the reuse of recycled materials
- Providing regulatory certainty to support innovation

**In scope materials:** organics, glass, paper/cardboard, plastic and tyres and emerging material streams such as textiles and e-waste.

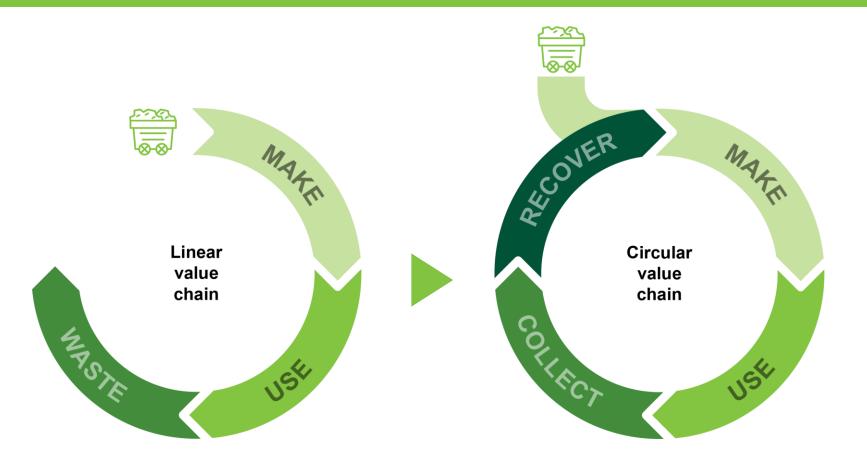
#### **Market acceleration**

Swinburne, GT Recycling and Robovoid pioneering 3D-printing to create modular, lightweight recycled plastic formers.



### **Towards a circular economy**







We are starting up, speeding up and scaling up our investment in 3 focus areas to achieve Victoria's 2030 emissions and waste targets.





Behaviour Change and Education



## **Achieving our Strategy**

#### Innovation & Investment

- Technical expertise, data insights and financial incentives
- Develop new ideas, new markets or grow existing ones
- Generate new technology, housing and infrastructure standards, jobs and economic benefits.



#### **Circular Economy Business** Innovation Centre

A program that empowers businesses to collaborate and innovate to design out waste and use resources at their highest value for longer.



## Victoria's first zero-waste food upcycling hub

Fresh Select building a facility with the capacity to turn 7,900 tonnes of surplus vegetables into high-quality nutritional powders and snacks.





## **Achieving our Strategy**

#### **Behaviour Change & Education**

- Leverage behavioural insights and social research
- Through learning and sharing our expertise with sectors to develop sustainability skills.



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#### Supporting local government to roll out household recycling

- Over 1,700 free campaign assets provided for local campaigns
- Materials are modular and can be edited to suit local services
- Development continues, in consultation with industry and councils





#### **ResourceSmart Schools**

A free SV program supporting more than 1400 Victorian schools to embed sustainability across their facilities, community and curriculum while saving resources and money.





#### **Community Action**

We work with the Victorian community – individuals, neighbourhoods, councils or regions.



#### **Council collaboration**

- City of Ballarat, regional materials flow analysis
- Alpine Shire Council, reducing waste from tourism and events
- M9, business case for councilcontrolled waste processing



#### **Council collaboration**

- Yarriambiack Shire, sharing glass infrastructure
- Monash Council, reusable
  nappies project
- Bendigo, available material research



### What's next?





Waste avoidance



Scale of impact



Product stewardship

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