

Item 9.1

Vinyl-2-Life Action Plan Progress Report

As at November, 2009

Objective 1 Medical Waste	Actions	Timeline	Progress to Date
Develop program for recovery of PVC medical waste	Engage with stakeholders to address barriers identified in the medical waste trial	Q2 09	CryoGrind pulled out of the trial because of logistics issues. SRM have stepped in and taken over collection. Extra bins are now in place at Western and collection from Sunshine Hospital is to commence.
	Assess feasibility to extend trial to other hospitals	End 09	Met with Sustainability Victoria to discuss upscaling the project. Contact with Eastern Health Network to be made as they have a recycling program in operation. Preparing production of promotional/ educational material for the project.-DEFERRED TO 2010 BY BAXTER Provided DECCW contacts to Baxter so recycling initiatives can be considered in NSW.
Objective 2 Pipes & Profiles	Action	Time Line	Progress to date
Develop a more consistent supply of pipe & profile material for reuse/recycling	1. Maintenance of Recovery Program in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane.	Ongoing	
	2. Identify additional sources of waste which can be reprocessed by pipe makers: - window off-cuts waste	Q4 09	Still pursuing windows sector membership. Forum conducted with them July 09. To be discussed further with windows sector.
Objective 3 Floor Coverings	Action	Time Line	Progress to date
Develop and implement a voluntary scheme(s) or initiative(s) aimed at encouraging higher recovery and recycling rates for vinyl floor covering waste.	1. Work with ARFA on development of industry-wide offcuts recovery program.	09	Met with ARFA member who will begin to raise with ARFA
	2. Continue to support signatories in research and development of End of Life recovery and recycling.	Ongoing	Provided recycling contacts and information to members Q3 to facilitate recovery.
	3. Establish appropriate data measures and monitoring	Early 09	Hyder report received May 2009. Limited data on vinyl floor waste provided.

Objective 4 Bottles	Action	Time Line	Progress to date
Support the Vinyl Bottle Group in continually enhancing recovery and local recycling of PVC bottles	Actively engage with the Vinyl Bottle Group to support their activities.	Ongoing	Meeting held Aug 09. Assisting in financing infrastructure at MRF to sort PVC. Ad and editorial published.
Objective 5 Management	Action	Time Line	Progress to date
Develop mechanisms for improved data collection and reporting of PVC recycling	Review Hyder 2008 report	Q4 09	
	Discuss report concerns with Hyder	Q4 09	
	Identify possible targets	Q4 09	
Objective 6 Other Recycling	Action	Time Line	Progress to date
Increase awareness of PVC recycling and recyclability	Promote, encourage and support PVC recycling activities	Ongoing	Promoted recyclability of PVC at RMIT Green Building & design conference.
Address barriers to increased recycling of PVC	Identify and engage with relevant stakeholders		<p>Met with Sustainability Victoria and discussed recycling PVC power cords in ByteBack program. SV confirmed that they constitute 3% bwt of computer waste and are sent off whole to overseas locations in Asia for recovery of PVC plastics and metals. Since July 2005, ByteBack has collected about 65t of power cables.</p> <p>Participated in the National Recycling Initiative forum, Melbourne.</p> <p>Visited Japanese flexible PVC recycling facility in Japan in October, capable of recycling fibre-containing products.</p> <p>Met with representative of membrane/tarpaulin sector to discuss recycling. Meeting with their industry association to be arranged.</p>