

# Vinyl-2-Life Action Plan Progress Report

As at 29th November 2010

Objective 1 Medical Waste	Actions	Timeline	Progress to Date
Develop program for recovery of PVC medical waste	<p>Assess feasibility to extend trial to other hospitals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Contact with Eastern Health Network</li> <li>- Follow up contact with Steri-Health &amp; Vic EPA</li> </ul> <p>Production of promotional/ educational material for the project</p> <p>Re-engage Baxter.</p>	Q3 2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bin labels distributed and now in use, with support from Baxter (See attached).</li> <li>• Meeting with Sterihealth arranged.</li> <li>• Discussion with DECCW re extension of program to Liverpool Hospital, Sydney.</li> <li>• Information exchanged with St Vincents Melbourne.</li> <li>• Information on potential funding shared with SRM and Western Hospital</li> </ul>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vic DIIRD to met with Melbourne pipe recycler to discuss potential expansion support.</li> </ul>
	2. Identify additional sources of waste which can be reprocessed by pipe makers	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Information on potential funding shared with recycler</li> <li>• Recycler preparing business plan.</li> <li>• Flyer promoting rigid PVC recycling distributed (See attached)</li> </ul>
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 Australian Resilient Flooring Association on development of industry-wide off cuts recovery program.	2010	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shredfast have been engaged to reprocess / offcuts / post installation waste. Potential to expand industry-wide</li> </ul>
	2. Continue to support signatories in research and development of End of Life recovery and recycling.	Ongoing	
	3. ARFA / VCA to investigate further recycling opportunities.		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New pricing arrangements have been agreed by CryoGrind and Armstrong.</li> <li>• Yet to establish the full impact in supply by SKM after the recent \$2M fire at the Coolaroo plant.</li> </ul>

<b>Objective 5 Management</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Time Line</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
Develop mechanisms for improved data collection and reporting of PVC recycling	Review Hyder 2008 report, Discuss report concerns with Hyder	Q4 09	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sent proposal to Grocon and Alex Frasers for comment. Proposal needs re-work.</li> <li>• Board requests alternative proposals be sought</li> </ul>
	Identify possible targets	2010	
<b>Objective 6 Other Recycling</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Time Line</b>	<b>Progress to date</b>
Increase awareness of PVC recycling and recyclability	Promote, encourage and support PVC recycling activities	Ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trade story released in October 2010 on the PSP report (See attached).</li> <li>• PKN magazine published article on Vinyl Cycle recycling in October</li> <li>• Trial recycling of PVC coated fabrics (Rojo Pacific), commenced November 2010.</li> <li>• Attended SPE's Plastics and Waste Workshop November 2010.</li> <li>• Planning underway to conduct a national conference – now scheduled for Q1 2011 on PVC recycling. Stakeholder preliminary workshop scheduled for 15/12/2010. (See attached)</li> </ul>
	Address barriers to increased recycling of PVC	Identify and engage with relevant stakeholders	
	Conduct conference on PVC recycling.	Q1 11	Continuing to identify potential support for industry.

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