

Vinyl-2-Life Action Plan Progress Report

As at 24 September, 2009

Objective 1 Cable scrap	Actions	Timeline	Progress to Date
Increase PVC cable scrap recovery in Australia and diversion from landfill.	1. Work with AMRIA to educate metal recyclers on plastics cable scrap recovery and reprocessing opportunities in Australia.		VCA has actively promoted the opportunity to reprocess cable scrap domestically to the Australian Metal Recyclers Industry Association through flyers and a presentation to its members.
		Dec 08	Data provided in Hyder report in May 2009.
		Early 09	Meeting with Green IT consultant

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.	Dec 08	Collection continues. In 2008, Iplex and Vinidex converted 380 tonnes of waste PVC into foam core pipes.
		Q1 09	PIPA Board subcommittee to discuss future development of program.
	2. Identify additional sources of waste which can be reprocessed by pipe makers: - investigate sources of window off-cuts waste	Q1 09	Discuss formal arrangements for diverting windows off-cuts with 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.	Early 09	ARFA have joined the VCA ARFA to be contacted to discuss development of industry-wide vinyl flooring offcuts recovery program.
	2. Continue to support signatories in research and development of End of Life recovery and recycling.	Ongoing	
	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 5 March 2009. Collections from Oct08 to Feb09 of 29.2 tonnes. Difficulties sourcing material from MRF's.
Objective 5 Management	Action	Time Line	Progress to date
Develop mechanisms for improved data collection and reporting of PVC recycling	Investigate data collection with Hyder Consulting	Aug 08	Final Hyder report received May 2009.
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	Medical waste recycling publicised in Health journals.
Medical Waste	Engage with stakeholders on extension of the medical waste trial	Q2 09	Medical general plastic waste trial underway in conjunction with Western Hospital, Melbourne, Baxter and PVC reprocessor. Collection trial now extending to the other two hospitals in the Western Hospital Group. Preparing production of promotional/educational material for the project. Preparing information to share with DECC. Received grant by hospital to develop the project further.