

Resource recovery framework issues paper: preliminary consultation outcomes

NSW



Public consultation on the resource recovery framework issues paper was open from 21 March to 6 May 2022.

The NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) is supporting an independent review of the resource recovery framework to promote beneficial resource recovery and ensure the best possible protections are in place for community and environmental health.

This document provides an overview of the key themes that emerged from consultation and the next steps towards preparing the independent review report.

What did we do?



Public submissions process



230+ mailouts to council, industry and community



Targeted stakeholder workshop with council and industry



Media and online promotion

How many people did we hear from?

In total there were 64 submissions received on the resource recovery framework issues paper.



28 submissions from businesses



10 peak body submissions

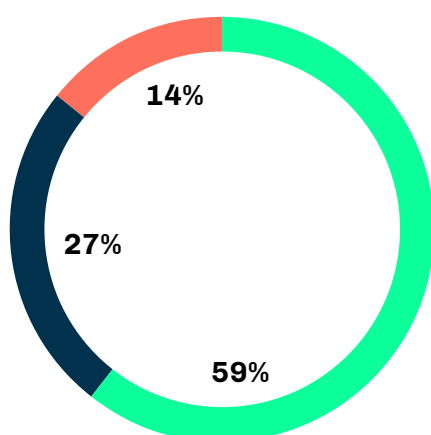


14 council and 2 government submissions



9 individual submissions

% of total



- Business, licensee, peak body (59%)
- Local council, state agency, federal government (27%)
- Community member (14%)

“ the importance of protecting the environment and human health ”



What did we hear?

- The importance of protecting the environment and human health and providing pathways for the beneficial recovery of waste
- Support for end-of-waste opportunities, updated waste classifications and effective regulatory tools
- Support for certainty, clarity and a level playing field that could boost circular economy innovation and investment
- The importance of a comprehensive and transparent review that captures broad perspectives, is impartial and reflects the significance of the framework for the circular economy.



What's next

- Submissions have been provided to independent reviewer Dr Cathy Wilkinson, former head of the Victorian EPA and currently a Professor at Monash Sustainable Development Institute
- Dr Wilkinson will carry out an independent review informed by a detailed analysis of the concerns raised in each of the submissions
- The independent review of the resource recovery framework will be finalised in mid-2022
- When the review is complete the EPA will respond to the findings, and implement a work program to complement existing initiatives identified in the broader Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041.



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