



Australian Government

Department of Climate Change, Energy,  
the Environment and Water

# Transitioning to a safe circular economy

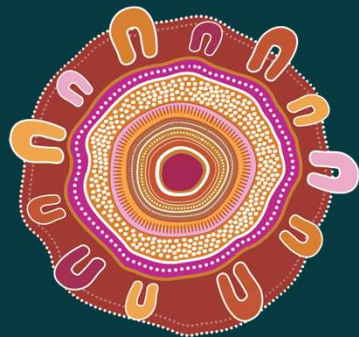
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## Acknowledgment of Country

Our department recognises the First Peoples of this nation and their ongoing connection to culture and country. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Peoples as the Traditional Owners, Custodians and Lore Keepers of the world's oldest living culture and pay respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

# Environment Ministers have committed to a circular economy



- Develop a national framework to direct Australia's transition
- Mandate design obligations under a new packaging regulatory scheme
- Develop a national roadmap for harmonised kerbside collections
- Consider a traceability framework
- Accelerated product stewardship

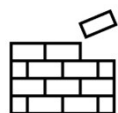
# We are developing a framework for our transition



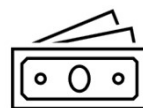
**Feb 2023**  
Develop workplan



**May 2023**  
Circular design &  
consumption of  
products



**July 2023**  
Built environment  
& net zero



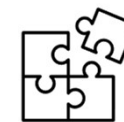
**October 2023**  
Innovation, skills  
economics &  
indicators



**Feb 2024**  
Food, resources &  
trade



**May 2024**  
Place-based  
circularity,  
regeneration &  
biodiversity



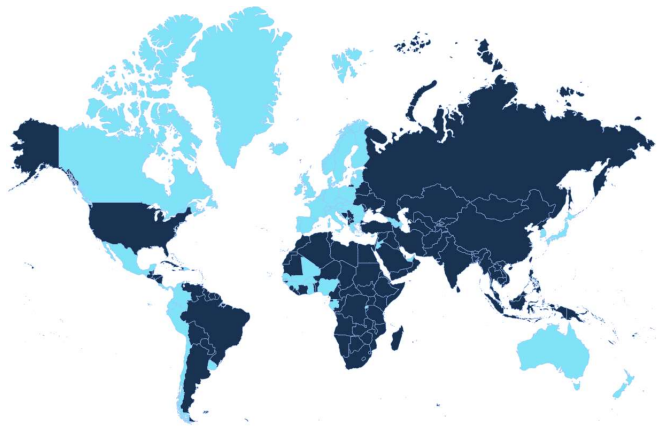
**August 2024**  
Gaps



# Our work

## Set the direction

- Ministerial Advisory Group
- Circular Economy Framework
- Global Plastics Treaty



## Provide support for system-wide transition

- Traceability Framework
- CDS/SUPs/bin harmonisation
- IChEMS scheduling
- Sustainable procurement



## Take action on problematic products

- Packaging reform
- Plastics Technology stream
- Product stewardship



## Upcoming consultation

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- Traceability Framework - Discussion paper live
- Packaging reform - Targeted consultation ends

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- Chemicals scheduling - consultation period ends for a range of chemical groups

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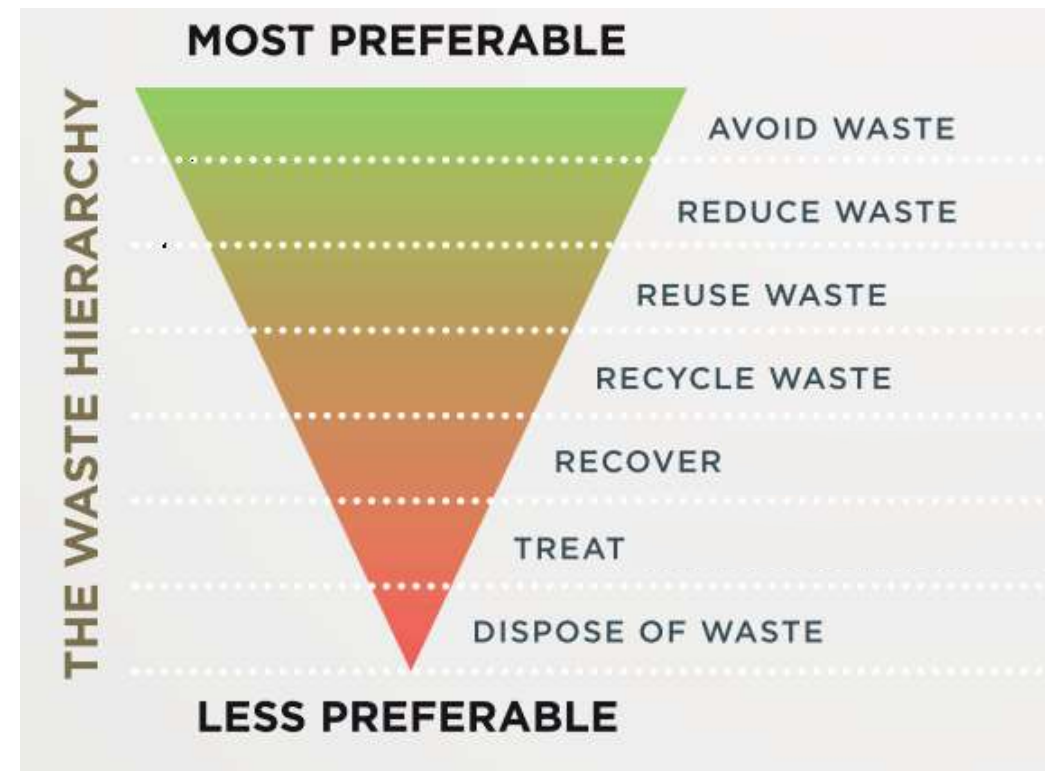
- Plastics Technology Stream - Applications close
- Consultation on preferred packaging reform model

LATER

- July 2024 - Environmentally Sustainable Procurement Policy established

## How can you get involved?

- Tell us what you think – so we can understand what helps business to go circular
- Spread the word - so industry can access State and Federal programs
- Help us build a better picture - so we can deliver better policy (e.g., demand for recycled materials)



Any questions?

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