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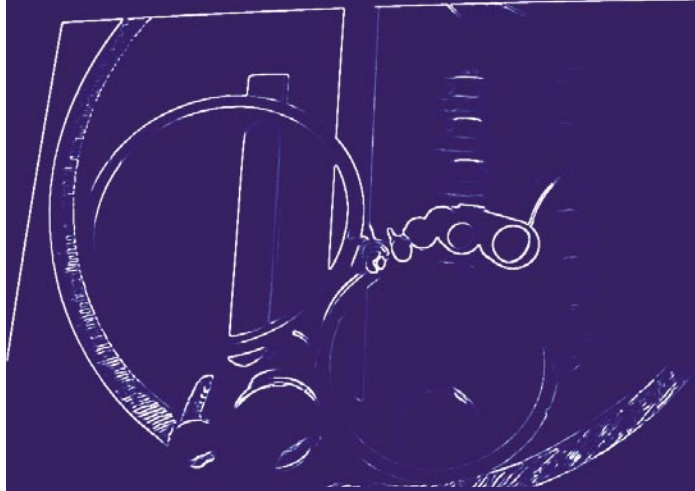
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REWaRDS

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The Plastics and Chemicals Industries Association (PACIA) and EPA Victoria (EPA) have committed to work together to develop sustainable business solutions within the association and its member companies.

The partnership, known as REWaRDS (Resource Efficiency & Waste Reduction Delivering Savings), provides financial support for Victorian plastics and chemicals companies to implement programs which deliver significant improvements in:

- a. resource efficiencies
- b. reductions in the generation of waste, particularly prescribed industrial waste (PIW) and trade waste (TW).

The aim of the partnership is to achieve systemic change for sustainable environmental outcomes and economic business value.



What is REWaRDS for?

The funding agreement will assist plastics and chemicals companies to implement resource efficiency and waste reduction solutions and realise sustainable business opportunities.

The Agreement will provide up to \$1 million per annum in funding for the next three years.

What can be funded?

Industry programs that focus on waste reduction and resource efficiency. Individual companies, sector representatives, regional or supply chains groups, PACIA and EPA Victoria can all propose initiatives and projects.

What are the priority action areas?

REWaRDS will deliver programs and outcomes focused on areas of opportunity for industry, such as solid and liquid waste, water and energy use and air emissions. Two priority areas are the reduction of trade wastes and prescribed industrial wastes generated by the plastics and chemical industries.

Who can apply?

REWaRDS is designed to support PACIA and its members in the Victorian plastics and chemicals industries. Programs or projects might also involve suppliers, customers and other stakeholders. Projects will be funded on a rolling basis, and there is no predetermined limit of support.

What is the process to apply?

A steering group comprising the PACIA CEO, EPA's Director of Sustainable Development and one staff member each from PACIA and the EPA will assess the funding proposals. In the first instance, you are encouraged to contact PACIA (the Manager, Industry Development – Sustainability), to discuss the potential project. Project proposals will be assessed against standard criteria developed in alignment with the overall agreement objectives.



“The REWaRDS Industry Partnership is an exciting opportunity to achieve great things for sustainability of this industry in Victoria.

“Smarter use of resources and reductions in waste have already brought significant benefits in profitability, competitiveness and identification of new market opportunities.”

The Hon. John Thwaites
Victorian Minister for the Environment



“Incorporating sustainability principles upfront into business decision making is fundamental for our industries in a globally competitive environment.

“In building on our efforts, the REWaRDS partnership with EPA Victoria is a win-win opportunity for PACIA members to create new and innovative opportunities for Victoria.”

Noel Williams
PACIA President