

# Waste Reduction Fund Industry Consultation August 2010



# Presentation outline

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1. Background on Fund
2. EPA principles and preferences
3. Process from here



# Victoria's waste profile

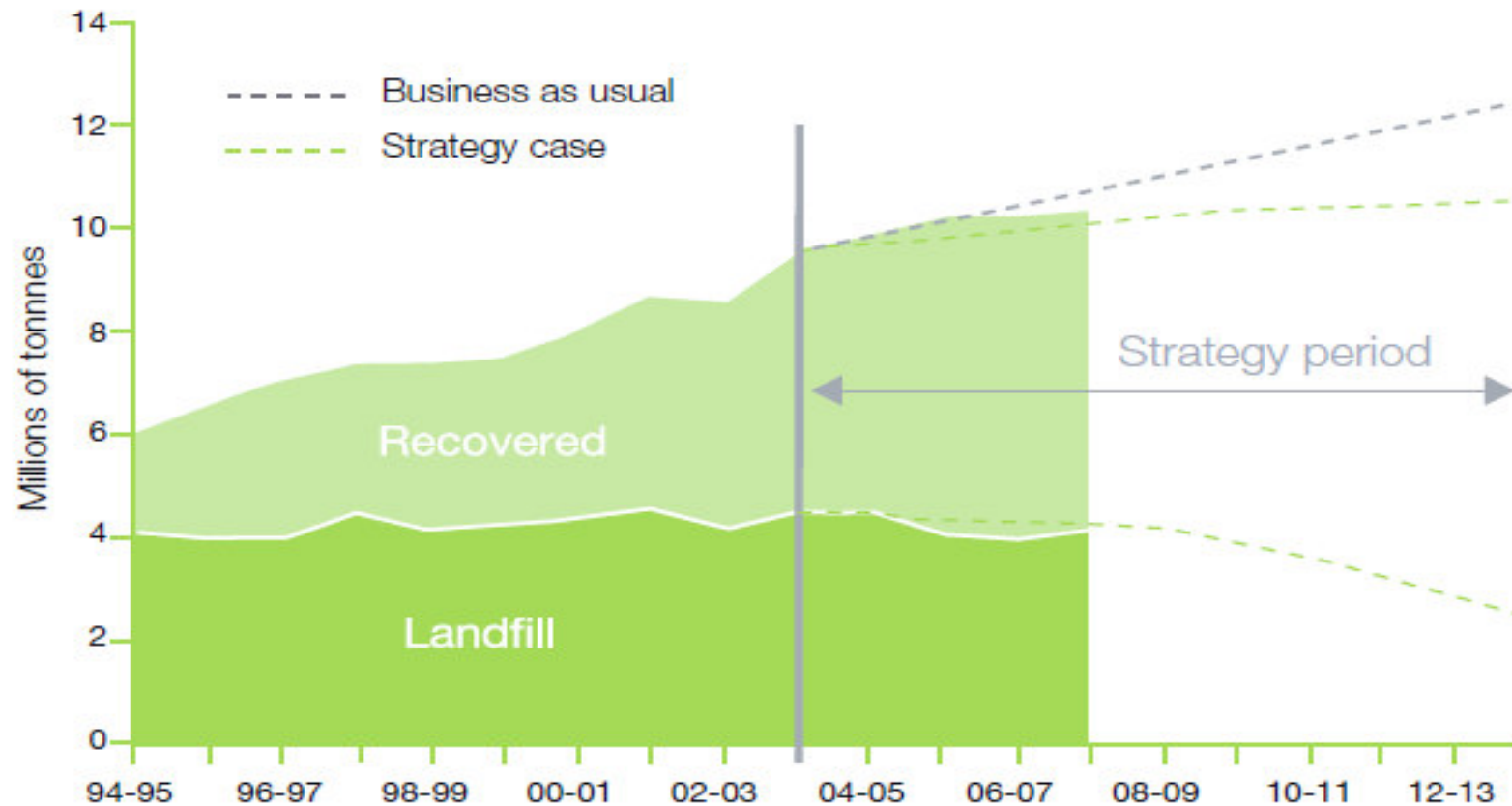


Figure 1: Solid waste generation in Victoria, actual and projected 1994-95 to 2013-14

Source: Toward Zero Waste update 2007/08

# Landfill Levy increases

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The Victorian Government raised landfill levies from 1 July 2010.

The Victorian Government has committed \$14m over 4 years for EPA Victoria to operate the Waste Reduction Fund and assist industry adjust to the levy increases

Funding is to be provided to Commercial and Industrial (C&I) and Construction and Demolition (C&D) waste streams only, and will focus on on-site waste avoidance.

The Waste Reduction Fund will operate in a complementary fashion with SV's Driving Investment in New Recycling Program.

# Victoria's Toward Zero Waste Policy



Under Victoria's Toward Zero Waste Strategy, two broad targets for 2014 apply:

- 1.5 million tonne reduction in solid waste generated (reported as total solid waste generated)
- 75% by weight of solid waste recovered for reuse, recycling and/or energy generation

This fund will focus on the first (waste avoidance) target.

# What is waste avoidance?

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## A proposed definition of waste avoidance for C&I and C&D streams

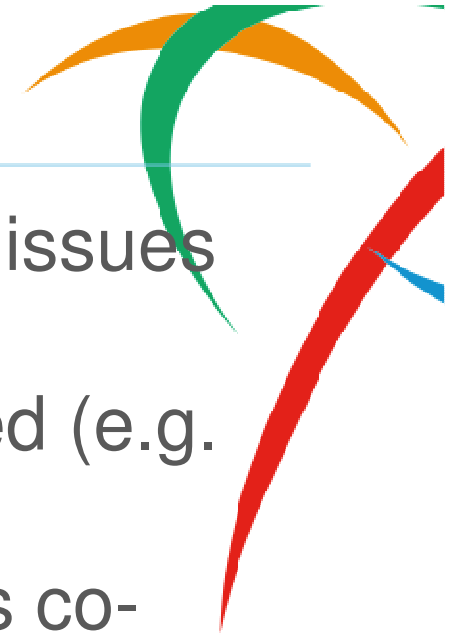
For the purpose of this presentation, waste avoidance encompasses activities that prevent C&I and C&D materials from entering the formal waste stream that is taken from workplaces to waste management facilities.

This definition encompasses product design, reuse, repair and onsite management processes. This may include direct beneficial reuse/recovery activities.

## Principles for fund design

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1. Sites with significant EPA compliance issues will not be beneficiaries of funding
2. Compliance activities will not be funded (e.g. EREP)
3. Funding to be site-based, and projects co-funded by the benefitting sites
4. Funded projects must not lead to other detrimental impacts on the environment
5. Funded projects must lead to an aggregate environmental benefit



## Principles for fund design (part 2)

6. Benefits must be quantifiable
7. Funded projects must agree to reporting of outcomes
8. Funding directed to assist Victoria achieve its waste avoidance target, as well as other environmental goals



## Fund design preferences



Based on initial consultation, EPA fund design preferences include:

1. Funding directed at pre-consumer phase of supply chain
2. Funding not to go to off-site resource recovery projects.
3. Preference for funding projects with potential benefits across multiple sites
4. Governance processes to be based on HazWaste Fund – with external panel to recommend on application success

## Fund design preferences (part 2)

Based on initial consultation, EPA fund design preferences include:

5. Project funding to be proportional to key indicators (e.g. tonnes of waste avoided, net environmental benefit)
6. Funding will not be partitioned across sectors within the C&I and C&D streams
7. EPA may target funding rounds towards specific industries, product types and/or waste streams
8. Funding may be spread across R&D, capacity building and capital / infrastructure spending to achieve the greatest benefit from the funds available.



# Next steps

Dates	Activities
11 August – 20 August	Industry consultation
Late August - September	Further information gathering / Discussions with key stakeholders
September	Fund design and governance structure and relevant systems developed
Late September	Fund design finalised and application process announced
October	First funding round open
Early 2011	First funding round successful applicants announced