

Development of a Business Case for Government Infrastructure Funding - Strategies and Funding Opportunities

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The States and the Commonwealth Government are currently investing record levels of funding to assist industry bring forward important waste sorting, processing, value-added manufacturing and energy recovery projects. In no time in Australia's history has there been this level of funding to build the recycling infrastructure Australia needs now and into the future.

To help reach the 80% national recycling target by 2030 and drive progress towards a Circular Economy, all levels of government are dependent on efficient and effective infrastructure investments, largely led by the private sector and local government.

However, funding is limited, competitive and is dependent on applicants preparing a compelling business case that demonstrates a sound understanding of feedstock supply and end markets, waste supply and off-taker agreements, mature technology, a detailed understand of the project's capital and operating funding requirements, planning and regulatory approvals and appropriate management of risk.

In this webinar, we have invited speakers from the Victorian, New South Wales, Queensland, South Australian and the Commonwealth Government to discuss current and future infrastructure programs, and what is needed to make a compelling business case that will help secure funding.

This webinar will be essential for waste, resource recovery, energy production and manufacturing businesses seeking to bring forward new infrastructure with the assistance of government funding.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

1000 Welcome and Housekeeping

Colin Barker, Chair - Australian Industrial Ecology Network

1010 Setting the Scene and Webinar Objectives

Dr Mark Jackson, Jackson Environment and Planning Pty Ltd

- How has government infrastructure support accelerated investment in new infrastructure?
 - Opportunities and challenges with government co-investment
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1020 Driving Investment in the Victorian Recycling Sector – Experience and Opportunities

Alicia Darvall, Director of Regions & Partnerships, Sustainability Victoria

- Infrastructure funding opportunities coming up in 2022
 - Major infrastructure priority areas in Victoria
 - How are the programs driving progress to a circular economy?
 - What makes a compelling business case in the Victorian context?
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1040 Waste and Recycling Infrastructure: What's in a good business case?

Sam Lewis, A/Director, Circular Economy Programs, NSW EPA

Business cases are an important component of a grant application. They outline the needs and benefits of new infrastructure balanced against potential risks. This session will cover the fundamentals of what makes a compelling business case and how NSW EPA programs under the Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041 will kickstart the transition to a circular economy.

1100 Comfort Break

1115 Driving investment in the South Australian Recycling Sector – Priorities and Opportunities

Michaela Heinson, Associate Director, Economic Growth and Sustainability and **Justin Lang**, Manager Economic Growth, Green Industries SA

- Infrastructure funding opportunities
 - Major infrastructure priority areas in SA
 - How are the programs driving progress to a circular economy?
 - What makes a compelling business case in the SA context?
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1135 Developing New Waste and Recycling Infrastructure in QLD - Priorities and Opportunities

Pravin Menon, Executive Director, QLD Department of Environment and Science

- Infrastructure funding opportunities coming up in 2022
 - Major infrastructure priority areas
 - Resource recovery precinct planning to support the circular economy in QLD
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1155 Recycling Modernisation Fund and the Manufacturing Modernisation Fund - Commonwealth Opportunities

Tristan Lee, Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment

- About the Recycling Modernisation Fund and the Manufacturing Modernisation Fund
 - What are the major priority areas for funding in 2022
 - How are the programs driving progress to a circular economy?
 - How to build a business case that stands out from the rest
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1215 Comments, Questions and Discussion

1230 Webinar Close
