Managing e-waste in Victoria – starting the conversation

Questionnaire

**Submitter:** Business 1

**Q 1: Is the proposed definition of e-waste clear to you?**

Yes

**Q 2: Are the proposed categories of e-waste clear to you? If not, can you suggest any specific changes to the existing categories, or another method of categorisation?**

In our day to day operations we would use broader categories, in essence large electrical, small electrical, high value and hazardous.

**Q 3 : What specific issues do you believe we need to address by banning e-waste from landfill?**

The main issue from our operational point of view is illegal dumping which is discussed later in the paper.

**Q 4: What do you see as current and future impacts of e-waste on the environment or human health? Can you provide examples?**

Agree with the paper, that is, use of limited landfill space, waste of limited resources and dispersal of hazardous material.

**Q 5: What do you see as potential impacts (both positive and negative) from recovering e-waste?**

A significant positive is job creation of roles requiring a variety of skills. Ensuring viable end markets will be critical.

**Q 6: Do you believe there are particular reasons for not recovering e-waste?**

No

**Q 7: Do you believe there are other issues with the e-waste recycling market, or with specific stages of the e-waste recycling market?**

Non that haven't been covered.

**Q 8: Are you aware of other barriers to achieving a sustainable e-waste recycling market?**

Certainty for businesses that have high set up costs which should be addressed by a legislative approach.

**Q 9: Do you think e-waste and its components are undervalued in Australia?**

Yes

**Q 10: Do you believe that banning e-waste from landfill will achieve these outcomes?**

Yes

**Q 11: Are there other outcomes you believe the commitment should, or is likely to, achieve?**

Greater awareness of sustainable resource management if complemented by marketing and education.

**Q 12: What criteria do you think will be useful to help us determine how the different types of e-waste are managed in Victoria?**

Question not answered

**Q 13: Do you think some regions will require more time to prepare for a landfill ban than others?**

Particular attention should be paid to rural and remote sites where the cost of transport for processing will be significant.

**Q 14: What changes, if any, will need to occur in your region before e-waste can be banned from landfill and managed appropriately?**

Set up local e-waste community resource recovery hubs complemented with education and marketing.

**Q 15: Do you think banning e-waste from landfill in Victoria will need to take a phased approach? If so, what do you think should be key considerations in determining how the phasing occurs?**

Yes, supported by a comprehensive education campaign.

**Q 16: Do you believe there are other principles that must be considered in the development of Victoria’s approach to ban e-waste from landfill?**

No, the documented principles from the paper are good.

**Q 17: What other tools do you think the government should consider when designing Victoria’s approach to banning e-waste from landfill?**

It will be critical that in the absence of landfill there are convenient alternatives for the community. A system of community resource recovery hubs such as those currently in use at the City of Yarra could meet this need.

**Q 18: How do you think community could be supported to ensure e-waste continues to be recovered and recycled?**

Community resource recovery hubs.

**Q 19: How do you think the design of the approach to banning e-waste could be designed to mitigate these unintended consequences?**

Refer to the comments on community resource recovery hubs.

**Q 20: Are you aware of any policy developments or reviews, both interstate and nationally, that may be useful in the design and implementation of the e-waste commitment?**

No