



Recycling a Requirement of the Right to Farm

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Why Recycle?



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Why Recycle?



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- Environmental benefits
- Better work place and less WHS issues
- Reduces fire hazards
- Government expectations
- Community expectations
- Shareholder expectations

Why People Actually Recycle



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Smart Business



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- Commercial benefit
 - Brand and Share price protection
 - Market access
 - Better prices
 - Social licence – licence to operate
 - Regulatory requirement
- Smart Businesses/Industries are leveraging good Stewardship.
Since 2015 the Fertiliser Industry has recycled 2000 tonnes of bag packaging saving the community \$1.25M.

Who Pays? You or your grandchildren?



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Who Pays?



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Good stewardship and the rewards always come at a cost and most of this is borne on the User. This usually is nominal and a cost of doing business. However the cost of not recycling is enduring, spanning multi generations.

Did you know after a landfill is closed it is managed and monitored for 40 years. 2 generations later are paying for the waste cost of their grandparents.

Almont Industry every year generates:

- 40,000 one tonne bags = 120 tonnes waste plastic
- Equals 300m³ of landfill space = \$75,000 cost or saving

The Whole Supply Chain has Responsibility



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Supply Chain Responsibility



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Farmers support programs like drumMUSTER and Farm Waste Recovery. They are known and trusted and form part of industry BMP.

Farmers should push back on Suppliers.

Product Suppliers have obligations for End of Life solutions for the products they sell.

Irrigation is a perfect example of
“I sold it, it’s not my problem”



Supply Chain Responsibility



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Packaging is the Brand Owners responsibility under the National Environment Protection Measure 2011 (know as the Packaging Covenant).

Programs like Farm Waste Recovery exists only to recover and recycle branded plastic packaging.

Your input Brand Owners have obligations to you and the Government.



Right or Responsibility or RISK to Farm?



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Recycling a Requirement of the Right to Farm? No Responsibility YES



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Farmers support good stewardship programs and they need to be supported by having access to these programs and the Supply Chain partners taking responsibility as obligated.

Regulation is being drafted to enforce End of Life solutions on Suppliers.

Regulation exists for Brand Owners to take responsibility for their packaging and this is being enforced.

Regulation banning on farm burning and burials exists (fines up to \$2,000,000 and 4 years imprisonment). Landfill bans also exist and are being implemented.

Stewardship Solutions



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