

Amendments Summary

Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan Victoria 2017–2046

What is the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan?

Released in June 2015, the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan (SWRRIP) provides Victoria with a 30 year vision and roadmap to guide future waste and resource recovery infrastructure planning and supporting programs to achieve an integrated system that:

- effectively manages the expected mix and amounts of waste
- reflects the principles of environmental justice to ensure that impacts on the community, environment and public health are not disproportionately felt across communities
- supports a viable resource recovery industry
- reduces the amount of valuable materials going to landfill.

The SWRRIP is supported by seven Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plans (Regional Implementation Plans), which set out the local priorities and infrastructure across the seven regions in Victoria. The last six Regional Implementation Plans were published in June 2017.

Why is the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan being amended?

In 2016, Sustainability Victoria (SV) identified the need to amend the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan (SWRRIP) to incorporate key information identified in the development of the seven Regional Waste and Resource Recovery Implementation Plans (Regional Implementation Plans). These amendments will ensure state-wide directions reflect regional infrastructure needs and priorities.

SV will also take the opportunity to update its data and clarify particular chapters in the SWRRIP to ensure it reflects changes in policy, strategy and broader government activities.

What are the key amendments?

Incorporate information from the seven Regional Implementation Plans

The SWRRIP now includes key waste flow and projection information contained within the seven Regional Implementation Plans. This information collectively provides a more comprehensive picture of Victoria's waste flows, capacity gaps and regional infrastructure priorities, and is used to inform a summary of overall opportunities to increase recovery in Victoria. The SWRRIP now includes updated and new 'actions' that better reflect the range of activities in Regional Implementation Plans.

New land use planning chapter

This chapter provides a comprehensive overview of the link between land use planning and waste and resource recovery infrastructure planning in Victoria. It also outlines recent changes to the Victorian

Planning Provisions, requiring the SWRRIP and Regional Implementation Plans to be considered in relevant local land use planning decisions. Additional information on 'hubs of statewide importance' – including hub descriptions and the process of review, is also included.

Other key changes include:

- Updated waste flow and projection data (from 2011-12 to 2015-16 figures)
- Clarity on future hazardous waste infrastructure planning
- Clarity on incineration infrastructure. That using this infrastructure, as a means of waste disposal, is not considered part of Victoria's waste and resource recovery system (unless for hazardous material, human health, emergencies etc)
- Updates on guidance for decision makers to consider the SWRRIP and Regional Implementation Plans
- Updates information on the SWRRIP's supporting strategies – markets, organics, education, investment facilitation and data.

How is SV consulting on the amendments?

A four-week consultation period commenced on 1 August 2017 and includes:

- A letter to the heads of Victorian Government departments (specified in the EP Act), Chairperson of the WRRG Boards and Chief Executives of each Victorian council
- Engagement with the waste and resource recovery industry
- Letters to all who made a submission during the 2014 SWRRIP consultation process
- Engagement with owners/operators of hubs of state importance.
- Online consultation via the Victorian Government engagement platform, Engage Victoria, to enable the broader Victorian community to make submissions and provide feedback at www.engage.vic.gov.au/swrrip

When will the SWRRIP be finalised?

The 2017-46 SWRRIP is expected to be finalised, and submitted to the Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change for approval, following the formal consultation period.

More information can be found at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/swrrip or via email to swrrip@sustainability.vic.gov.au