

ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION ACT 1970

WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY (COMBUSTIBLE RECYCLABLE AND WASTE MATERIAL)

ORDER IN COUNCIL

The Governor in Council under section 16A of the **Environment Protection Act 1970** and on the recommendation of the Environment Protection Authority, declares the Waste Management Policy (Combustible Recyclable and Waste Material).

This Order comes into effect on 29 August 2018.

Dated:

Responsible Minister:

Lily D'Ambrosio

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change

Clerk of the Executive Council

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1. Objective

The objective of this Policy is to ensure that combustible recyclable and waste material is managed and stored in a manner that minimises risks to human health and environment from fire.

2. Commencement

This Policy will come into operation on 29 August 2018.

3. Revocation

The Waste Management Policy (Resource Recovery Facilities), as published in Government Gazette No. S289 on 29 August 2017, is revoked.

4. Definitions

In this Policy-

combustible recyclable and waste material includes paper, cardboard, wood, plastic, rubber, textile, organic material, refuse derived fuel, specified electronic waste, metals, and any other combustible material which is waste;

licensed waste tyre storage site means premises of a type numbered A09 (waste tyre storage) in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 1 to the Environment Protection (Scheduled Premises) Regulations 2017, the occupier of which holds a licence issued by the Authority under section 20 of the **Environment Protection Act 1970**;

licensed landfill means premises of a type numbered A05 (landfills) in Column 1 of the Table in Schedule 1 to the Environment Protection (Scheduled Premises) Regulations 2017, the occupier of which holds a licence issued by the Authority under section 20 of the **Environment Protection Act 1970**;

specified electronic waste has the same meaning as in the Environment Protection (Scheduled Premises) Regulations 2017;

waste and resource recovery facility means a premises that receives waste including, but not limited to, combustible recyclable and waste material for the purposes of storage, transfer, sale, sorting, reuse, recycling, reprocessing or energy recovery.

5. Application

This Policy applies to waste and resource recovery facilities in Victoria, other than licensed waste tyre storage sites or licensed landfills.

6. Management and storage obligation

An occupier of a waste and resource recovery facility must manage and store combustible recyclable and waste material, at that facility, in a manner that minimises the risk of fire.

7. Compliance

An occupier of a waste and resource recovery facility complies with clause 6 if the combustible recyclable and waste material is managed and stored-

a) in accordance with the Authority's publication *Management and Storage of Combustible Recyclable and Waste Materials – Guideline*, as in force from time to time and published on the Authority's website; or

b) in a different manner that minimises the risk of fire to a level equivalent to the *Management and Storage of Combustible Recyclable and Waste Materials – Guideline*.