

Outlook for Recycling Solutions

Re.Group is the only Australian company that designs, builds, owns and operates recycling facilities and systems. We are delivering our vision of a wasteless society, operating the largest network of recycling facilities across Australasia.

We process kerbside recycling from more than 5 million people over 40 local government areas, and service thousands of customers with more than 20 million 10c refunds paid out each week.

Our business pillars





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Australia's largest recycling network



Resilience

The services our sector provides society are essential, and they can be fragile – single site dependency is a scary place to be.

Trends in Design

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MRFs aren't getting easier



Increasing expectations

- The law of diminishing returns applies...truly getting to 95% recovery and 98% purity is a complex technical challenge
- Some amazing technology exists, but is not always suitable or affordable for every project
- Post-COVID reflections on supply chains have driven a shift from 'just in time' to 'just in case'

Cost implications

- More complex processing requirements coupled with global inflation mean the cost of new facilities has risen sharply
- New equipment is being used to reach modern quality standards, rather than seeing major labour reductions
- Getting to the top end of quality curves in many cases requires specialist 'tertiary processing' facilities

Where's the action?

- No shortage of opportunities, action and investment will occur where risk allocations are sensible
- APCO 2030 Strategy (eco-modulation) is a positive, increasing recognition of the shared responsibility aspects

Recycling Process



CDS returns are getting easier



Producer Responsibility

- Container Refund Schemes are exceptional examples of the positive shift that comes from tackling issues more holistically
- We remain keen to see the same principles applied to other products, in order to support more circular outcomes

Technological Changes

- We are technology agnostic, and believe convenience means different things to different people at different times
- Since our first Return-It depot opened in the ACT in June 2018 we have tried and tested many different systems
- Re.Group worked with our Canadian friends at Machinex to envisage a new approach to optimise the return experience
- The CountAlner is a game-changing technology, harnessing Al to improve the speed, accuracy and ease of container returns

Adding Value





From Glass Beneficiation Plants, to advanced plastics sorting, we are putting more value into the products we handle on behalf of the community

- There is great technology available, and our sector has taken some big steps forward in recent years by improving what we do, and how we do it
- Re.Group believes (hopes?) brand owners and regulators are also moving in the right direction, recognizing our shared responsibility for a circular economy
- There is a lot more work to do with the community, building trust and improving compliance – we have to get better at putting the right items in the right place





Re.Group is an innovative Australian recycling company that is passionate about local jobs and economic activity, and maximising value for local communities through improved environmental outcomes.

We value a partnership approach.

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