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BACKGROUND

Cleanaway is one of Australia's leading waste management companies, providing waste education as well as waste management services. Since 2021, Cleanaway has commissioned the 'State of Australian Recycling' report with alt/shift/ and Empirica Research, in order to understand the attitudes, knowledge, and behaviours of Australians around waste disposal, recycling, and sustainability.

The first report in early 2021 found that Australians genuinely wanted to be good recyclers but were tripped up by confusing instructions about plastics – particularly online. The 2022 report explored the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on attitudes and behaviours around waste disposal. Last year's 2023 report focused on trust in the system, as well as specific knowledge like labelling conventions and the time it takes for items to break down in landfill. This fourth report, based on data collected in February and March of 2024, once again explores how Australians feel about recycling and sustainability, with an additional focus on knowledge and attitudes around battery disposal and the Container Deposit Scheme.



OBJECTIVES

01

Understand Australians' knowledge, attitudes, and behaviours around recycling and waste management

02

Investigate Australians' satisfaction with current waste management options, and what they need in order to become more effective recyclers

03

Explore participation in, and motivations for, sustainable behaviours



SECTION 1:
METHODOLOGY,
DEMOGRAPHICS
AND
CLASSIFICATION



METHODOLOGY

Online research with 1000 Australians was conducted between Wednesday, 28th February 2024 and Sunday, 3rd March 2024. The average survey length was 22 minutes.

To qualify for the research, participants had to be aged 18 or over and living in Australia.

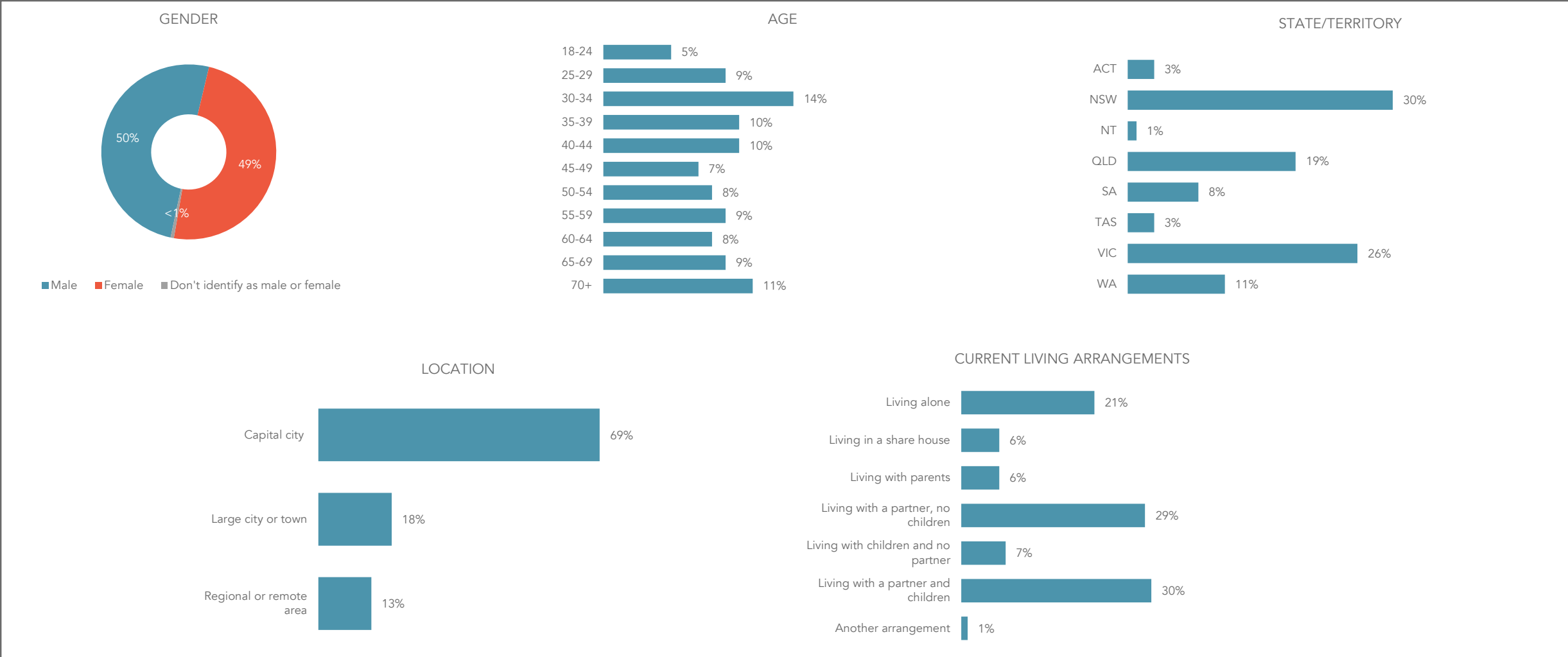
- Within these criteria, quotas were applied to ensure the sample was representative of the population with respect to age, gender, state and region (Metro/Capital city vs. Non-metro).

The structure of the survey was as follows:

- Demographics and screening
- Access to waste disposal options
- General attitudes to environment and recycling
- Sorting task
- Knowledge of recycling rules, symbols and breakdown times
- Knowledge of and attitudes towards a circular economy
- Sustainable behaviours and rationale (cost vs environment)
- Knowledge of and attitudes towards battery disposal
- Knowledge of and attitudes towards the Container Deposit Scheme



METHODOLOGY (CONTINUED)



DEM1 What is your gender?
 DEM2 What is your age?
 DEM3 In which state or territory do you live?

DEM4 Do you live in...?
 DEM6 What are your current living arrangements?



NOTES ON THE REPORT

ROUNDING

- Note that due to rounding, percentages in charts and tables may not sum to 100%

QUOTES

Selected quotes from participant responses are presented throughout the report to illustrate results. These are reproduced as typed, including any spelling or grammatical errors. Each quote is attributed to the respondent as follows:

- “XXXXX – X year old, gender”



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



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AUSTRALIANS SUPPORT RECYCLING BUT LACK FAITH IN THE SYSTEM – AND EACH OTHER

Australians are convinced of the value of recycling, with 93% agreeing that it is important. They're motivated by a desire to help the environment, and a belief that it is the right thing to do. However, many have doubts about the efficacy of the system, and whether the results are worth the effort they put in at home.

On a broad level, the majority (71%) do not believe recycling alone is enough to deal with the waste our society generates. But even considering recycling on its own, there are questions about where kerbside recycling actually ends up: 41% of Australians don't trust that their recycling will be properly recycled. More than year on from the collapse of the RedCycle program, the effect on trust in the recycling system is clear, with many respondents linking their distrust to the incident and surrounding media reporting and questioning whether their recycling will just be stockpiled in a warehouse. The media coverage of such incidents has cast doubt on the motivations and competency of local councils, the government, and private companies to handle the process.

Key to people's mistrust is a belief that everything is taken to landfill anyway – whether intentionally thrown in together, or as the result of contamination. There is a lack of trust in other citizens to recycle properly – whether due to lack of education or plain laziness – which leads to viewing cross-contamination as likely, or even a given. Many people, especially apartment-dwellers, come to this conclusion after observing the behaviours of their neighbours.

ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COULD BE IMPROVED

Across all different types of recycling, Australia's recycling infrastructure remains a source of concern and a barrier to better recycling behaviours: 87% of Australians believe that there should be nationally consistent recycling standards, and 49% identify lack of infrastructure as a barrier to recycling in today's society. A key theme that emerged among those who did not believe their recycling was properly recycled was that Australia (or their state, or local council) does not have enough infrastructure to deal with all the waste produced.

People can only sort their recycling into the bins they have access to, which is largely the result of what is on offer at home. For example, people who live in apartment buildings are far more likely than those in other types of dwelling to have access to bins for glass, paper and cardboard, or e-waste, but they are significantly less likely to report engaging in composting – if their building doesn't have a FOGO bin, they have nowhere to put it. More home bins for specific materials and bigger recycling bins were nominated as factors that would help people recycle more.

The issue of accessibility extends to specialised bins outside of the home: the main barriers to taking batteries to a specialised drop-off location are not knowing where to take them, and the location being inconvenient. The most prominent barriers to engaging with the Container Deposit Scheme were the same. Over a third of people (37%) find it hard to get everything that should be recycled to the right place.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

SOME EVERYDAY ITEMS STILL POSE A CHALLENGE

While Australians are confident in how to dispose of standard recyclables, like paper and hard plastics, there are some items they are less sure about. One in five people don't know how to correctly dispose of chemicals or paint cans, while another half know how to, but find it difficult. Disposable face masks also stump a fifth of people, while other items that prove difficult to dispose of correctly include batteries and old clothing.

TAKEAWAY CUPS A CONTINUING PROBLEM

Similar to previous years, Australians think they know how to correctly dispose of takeaway coffee cups – with 64% finding it easy – but when asked later how they would dispose of them, this confidence is proven to be misplaced. Nearly half of people would put them in the mixed recycling bin (48%), while only 39% sort them correctly into the general rubbish.

On a similar note, 58% of people sorted takeaway 'paper' drink cups into the mixed recycling, when they should either go in the general rubbish, or to a specialised drop-off.

AUSTRALIANS HAVE BASIC KNOWLEDGE OF WASTE SPECIFICS, BUT THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT GAPS

On the whole, Australians have accurate knowledge about what happens to their kerbside recycling: 63% know it is taken to a facility in Australia to be sorted and then transferred, and 79% that it is sorted by people and machines. The majority also know that you should rinse containers before recycling them, that liquid or food can contaminate a whole truck of recycling, and that you cannot throw recycling away in a plastic bag.

However, there is a lack of knowledge about some key specifics: 4 in 5 people shown the Plastics Identification Code for PVC misidentify it as a recycling symbol, and over half would dispose of an item with that symbol in the kerbside recycling.

People also greatly underestimate the amount of time it takes for common items to break down in landfill. Only 17% know that it takes a wet wipe 100 years to break down in landfill, and 6% that it takes a disposable mask 450 years to break down. The median estimate for both items was only 10 years.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Familiarity with the concept of the circular economy appears to be growing – today over half of Australians have heard the term (52%), and almost a third have some idea of what it means (31%). Once the concept has been explained, 84% of people believe it is very or extremely important to implement a circular economy in Australia. The Federal Government is seen as holding the most responsibility for this implementation, followed by companies and manufacturers. The most important steps to take in establishing a circular economy are believed to be education on how the circular economy works and how to participate, and building recycling, reprocessing and manufacturing infrastructure. Attention should also be paid to the design and regulation of products, to reduce the quantity of non-recyclable items entering the cycle.

SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES ARE DRIVEN BY COST-CUTTING

Australians are widely engaging in sustainable behaviours in their day-to-day lives and while out shopping. The most popular behaviours are waiting before replacing items, using reusable shopping bags, repairing items rather than replacing them, and avoiding buying items they don't need. However, in the current cost of living crisis, Australians may engage in sustainable behaviours that save them money but are less willing to pay more for an item that is more sustainable or will last them longer. When asked to rank five issues of concern, the cost of living was by far people's biggest worry (61% ranking it first), with climate change a distant second (16%).

OLDER GENERATION LEAD THE WAY ON RECYCLING AND SUSTAINABILITY

Australians aged 55 and over consistently displayed more positive attitudes, greater knowledge, and more correct behaviours around recycling and sustainability than younger or mid-life Australians.

- Older Australians reported higher levels of consistent engagement in positive waste management behaviours, such as rinsing recyclable containers, taking the lids off bottles, and separating soft from firm plastics before putting them in the recycling
- Significantly higher proportions of older Australians than younger use reusable bags, seek out products with minimal packaging, and avoid buying things they don't need. However, they are less likely than younger Australians to buy or sell second-hand items
- Older Australians demonstrated a better knowledge of recycling rules, such as correct battery disposal, not sealing recycling in a bag, and rinsing containers to avoid contamination. They were also more likely to know about their state's container deposit scheme

Older Australians are conscious of their knowledge and behaviour, and accordingly are more likely to rate themselves as very good recyclers (33% of 55+ year olds, compared to 21% of 35-54 year olds and 17% of 18-34 year olds).

One thing to note is that older Australians appear less amenable to changing their recycling behaviours. This is fine when their current behaviours are positive, but poses a problem when trying to introduce something new. Over 55s were more likely to report that nothing would motivate them to recycle more, and that they were not at all likely to use their local CDS in the next 12 months. Additionally, they were least likely to indicate that any proposed changes to the CDS would make them more likely to use it.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY (CONTINUED)

PROPER BATTERY DISPOSAL

Australians have a good knowledge of how to properly dispose of batteries, laptops, and mobile phones: 77% know that they cannot be placed in kerbside bins, and when given a sorting task, four in five people would take these three items to a specialised drop-off location. A majority of people are aware of the consequences of improper battery disposal, such as contamination of the environment or other waste, and batteries causing fires in bins or trucks. Knowing these risks acts as the main motivator for properly disposing of batteries (62%).

Knowledge of *where* to dispose of batteries, phones and laptops is a major barrier to proper disposal, with 45% of people naming it as such, and only half of Australians knowing where their nearest specialised drop-off locations are. Of those who could name their nearest drop-off location, 59% named a retailer, such as Aldi, Bunnings, or Officeworks (who no longer offer the service). The next most common type of location named was a public facility, such as a recycling centre, tip, or local council hub (22%). People believe that more needs to be done to spread awareness of how and where to dispose of batteries, both by local councils, and retailers who offer the service.

Accessibility of locations is the other main barrier to proper disposal of batteries, phones, and laptops, with 39% of people saying that it was inconvenient to take them to a specialised drop-off location. Some people suggested having more drop-off locations or kerbside disposal as methods to increase proper disposal. Accessibility was less of an issue for those who knew where their nearest drop-off was – half of these participants rated the convenience of said drop-off as very or extremely easy.

SA LEADS THE WAY ON CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEMES

Awareness of Container Deposit Schemes (CDS) is high in states where they are available, with 88% of people knowing they exist, and over half having used them (52%). Of those who have ever used the CDS, most seem to be regular users: 71% have used it more than five times, and four in five people have used it in the past three months. People who have used their local CDS describe the process as easy and efficient (65% and 63% extremely or very), though fewer people find it to be financially worth the effort (44% extremely or very).

Victoria introduced its own Container Deposit Scheme in late 2023. While only 28% have tried it out so far, it has been well publicised; another 57% know about it but have not used it yet. Victorians are the state population most likely to have used the CDS in the past month (73% of users vs 50% across all states), as people try out the new service. The CDS carries some novelty in Victoria, where it is most likely to be considered fun to use (47% extremely or very, vs 34% across all states).

The most common motivator to participate in the CDS is the financial incentive, although 61% of people say they would be much more likely to use it if the rebate were increased from 10 to 20 cents per item. Other key motivators were to benefit the environment, and because it's the right thing to do. When asked about barriers, 39% of people said there were none, and no other barriers were widely agreed upon. However, accessibility is clearly still a factor, with the majority of people reporting being more likely to use the CDS if there were more drop-off locations or if there were kerbside collection (both 47%).



THE DETAILED RESULTS





RECYCLING ACCESS



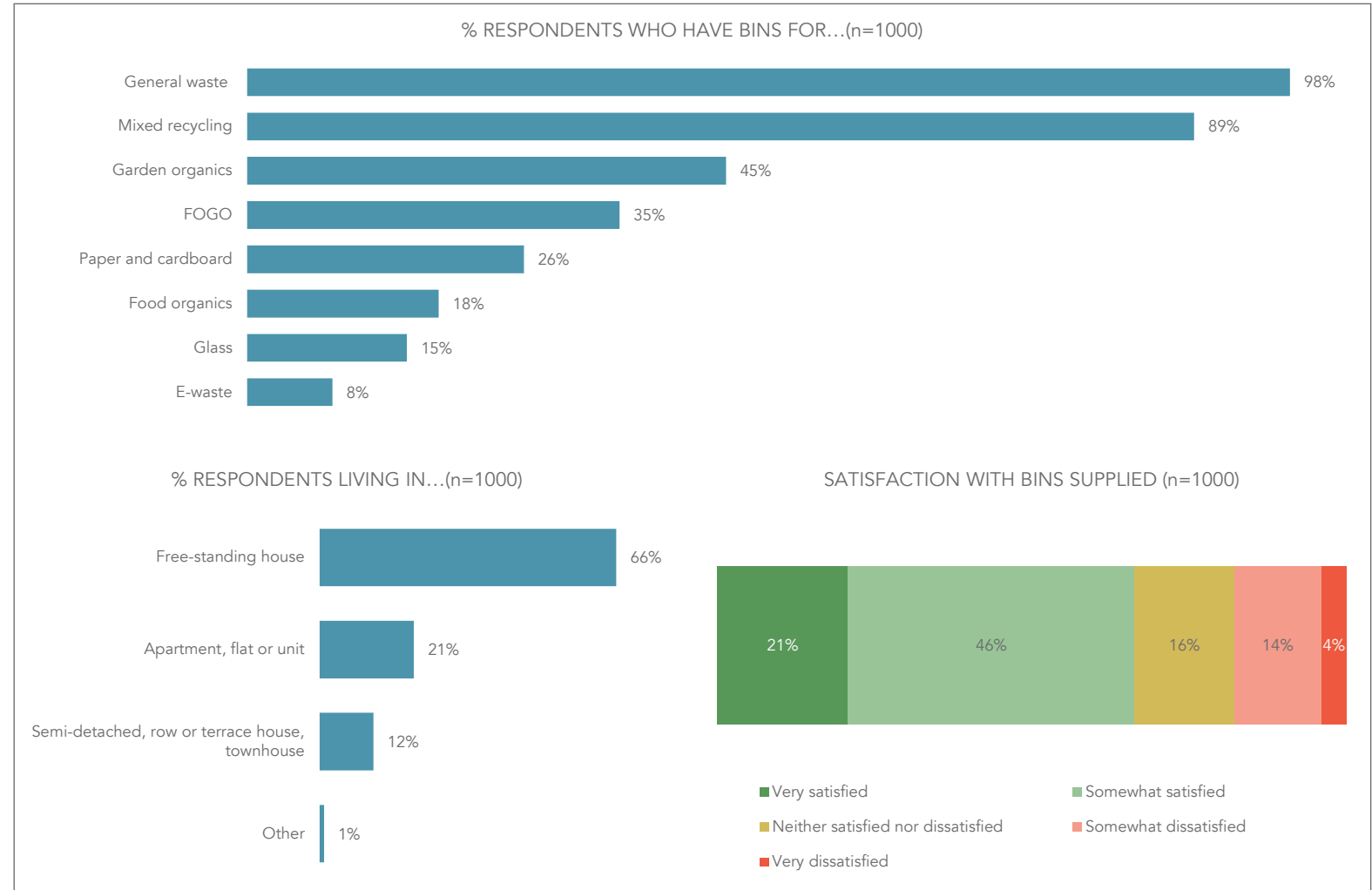
RECYCLING ACCESS

Two thirds of participants live in free-standing houses, with 21% in apartments, flats or units, and 12% in semi-detached or townhouses. 18-34 year olds were significantly more likely to live in apartments than the two older age groups, and less likely to live in free-standing homes.

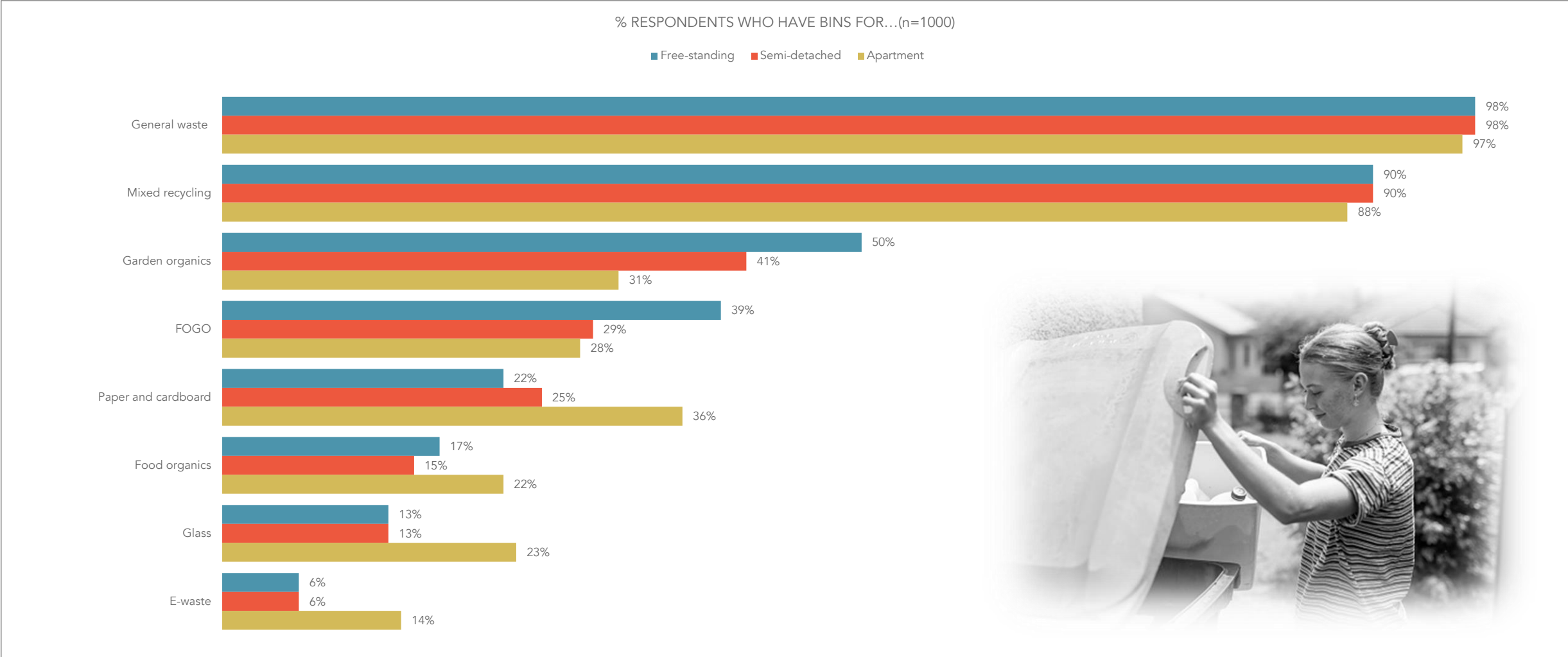
Almost all respondents reported having a general waste bin (98%). A clear majority also had a mixed recycling bin (89%). The rest were provided to a minority of people: 35% of respondents had a bin for food and organic waste (FOGO), while 45% had one just for garden organics, and 18% one just for food organics. The least common bin was for e-waste, with only 8% of respondents having one at home.

This differed based on home type: those in free-standing houses were more likely to have FOGO or garden organics bins, while those in apartments were more likely to have access to bins for paper and cardboard, food organics, glass, and e-waste.

Overall, people are satisfied with their bin options - 67% report being very or somewhat satisfied, and only 18% dissatisfied. In terms of demographic differences, the 55+ group were more likely than their younger counterparts to be very satisfied. Men were more likely to be satisfied, and women dissatisfied, with their options.



RECYCLING ACCESS - TYPES OF BINS AVAILABLE BY TYPE OF RESIDENCE



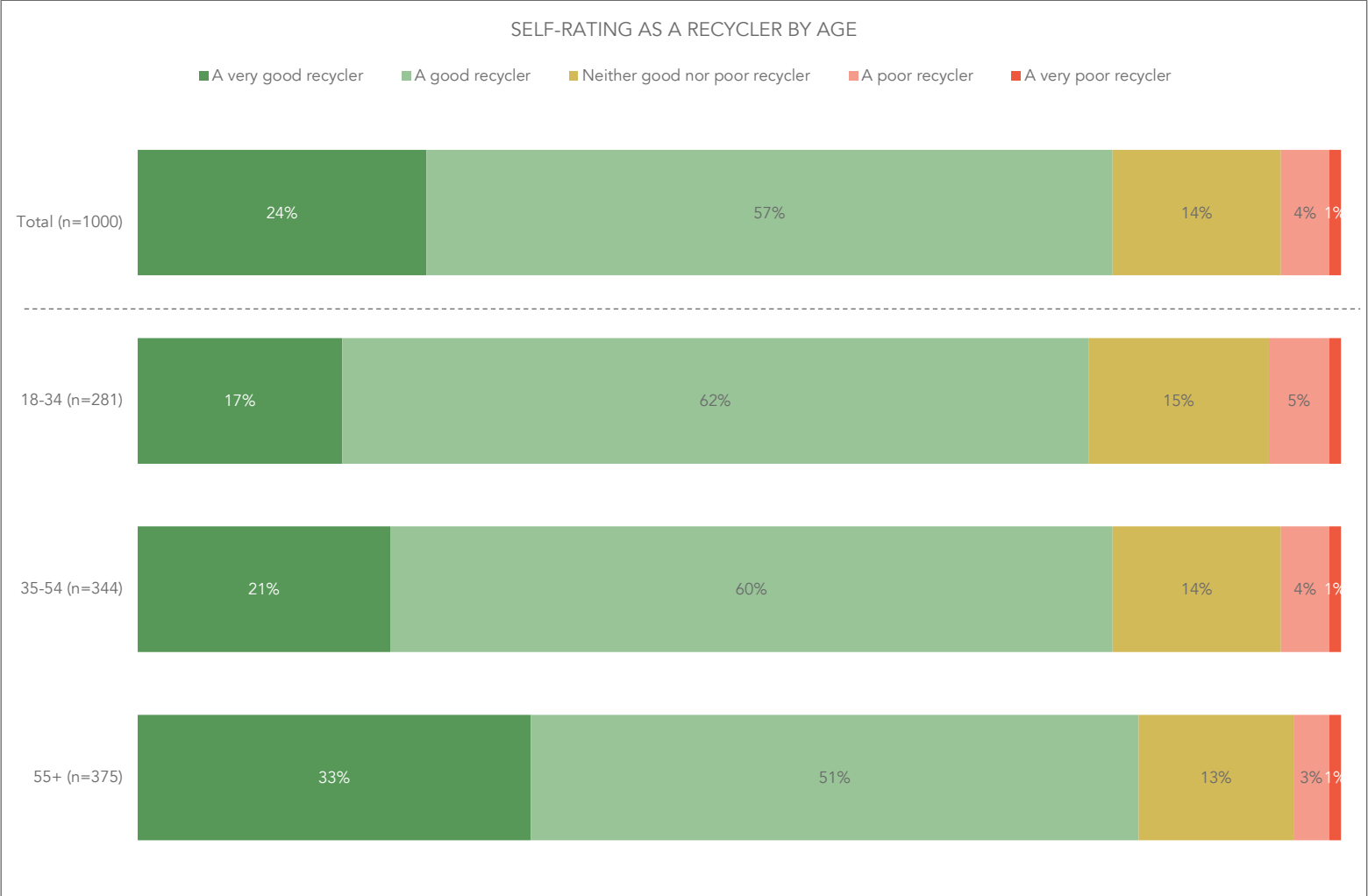


GENERAL ATTITUDES TO ENVIRONMENT AND RECYCLING



SELF-RATING AS A RECYCLER

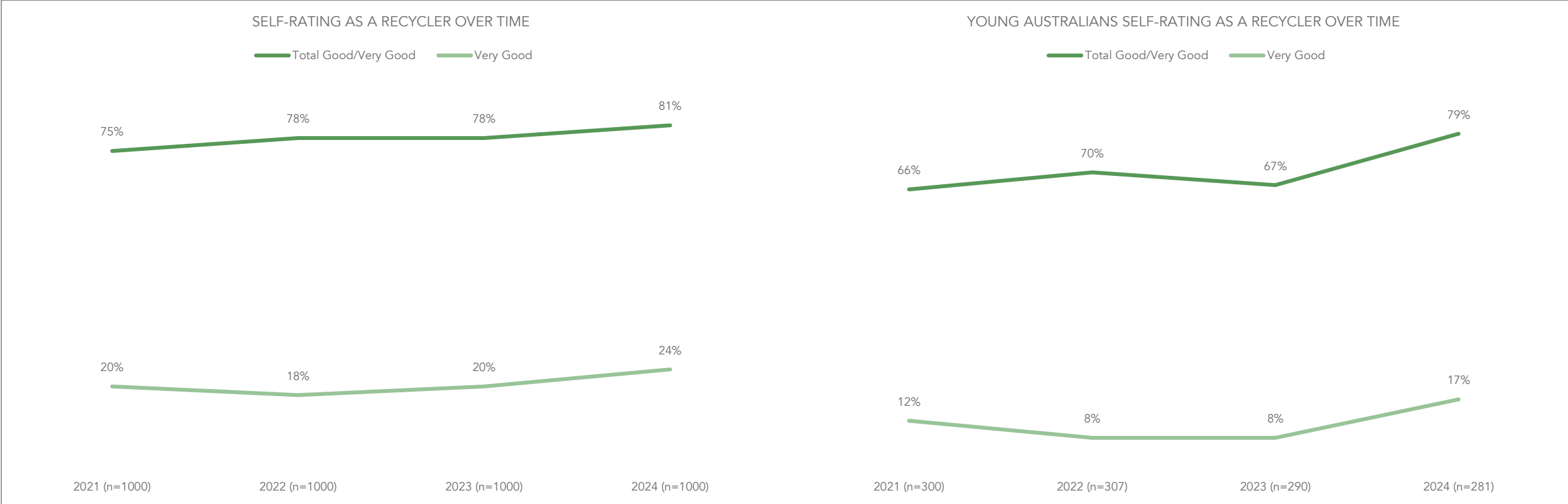
A majority of Australians (81%) consider themselves to be good or very good recyclers. This total does not vary significantly with age, though a higher proportion of 55+ year olds consider themselves very good recyclers (33%, compared to 21% of 35-54 year olds and only 17% of 18-34 year olds).



SELF-RATING AS A RECYCLER - TRENDS

Since Cleanaway began reporting in 2021, there has been an increase in the proportion of Australians considering themselves as good or very good recyclers: from 75% in 2021, to 81% in 2024 (a 6% rise). Within this, there has been a smaller increase in those considering themselves very good, which increased by 4% from 2023 to 2024.

This year, self-perceptions among those aged 18-34 in particular jumped by a considerable margin. The percentage of young Australians rating themselves as good or very good recyclers increased by 12% between 2023 and 2024, from 67% to 79%. Most notably, the proportion of this group rating themselves as very good recyclers more than doubled in the last year, from 8% to 17%. Self-perceptions among the younger demographic are still lower than those of midlife or older Australians, but the leap this year has closed that gap significantly. The rest of the survey's findings did not reveal an explanation for this result: the knowledge, behaviours, and attitudes of young Australians are not greatly improved in a way unique from the two older groups, and they do not otherwise express more confidence.

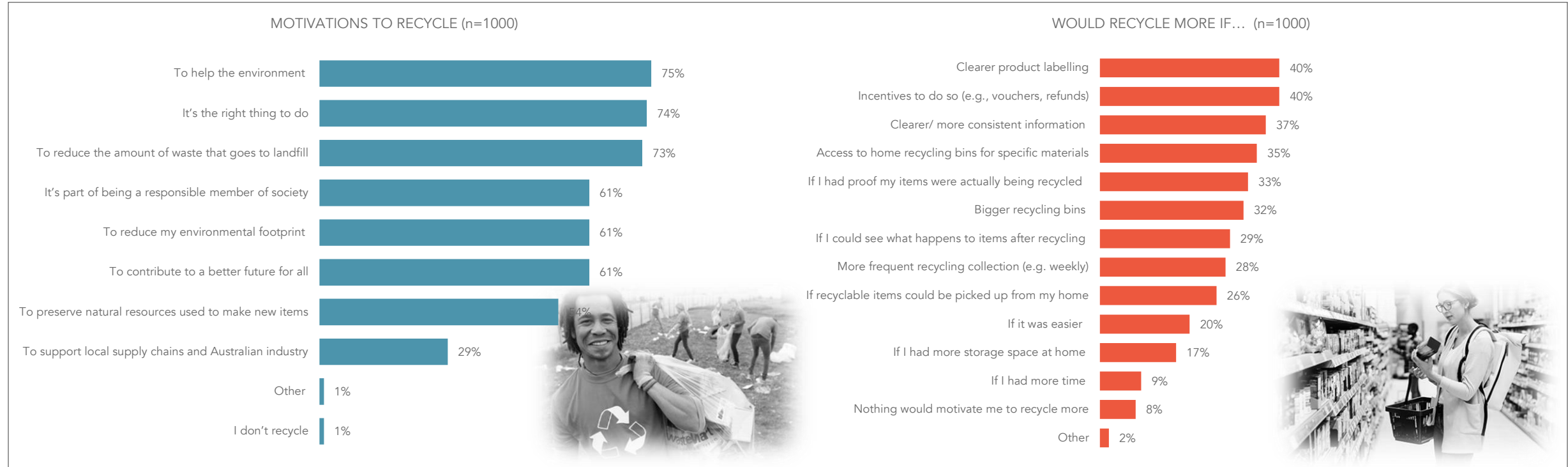


PERSONAL MOTIVATIONS AND BARRIERS TO RECYCLING

The motivations most frequently reported were moral - that it's the right thing to do (74%), or part of being a responsible member of society (61%) - or environmental - to help the environment (75%) or reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill (73%). These motivations were consistent across the three age groups, though the oldest group had higher rates of endorsement for all reasons.

Participants would recycle more if there were increased clarity of information, incentives, accessibility, and transparency. Issues of clarity included better product labelling (40%) and clearer/more consistent information (37%), while issues of accessibility relate to bigger recycling bins (32%) and access to more bins for specific materials (35%). In terms of transparency, people want proof that their items are actually being recycled (33%), and to see what happens to them (29%).

The two younger age groups would also recycle more if there were incentives to do so, while this was not as appealing to older Australians (47% and 46% vs 29%). Other demographic differences included that younger people were more concerned with a lack of time and storage space. The 55+ age group were most likely to report that nothing would get them to recycle more (13%, vs 4% for 18-34 and 5% for 35-54 year olds).

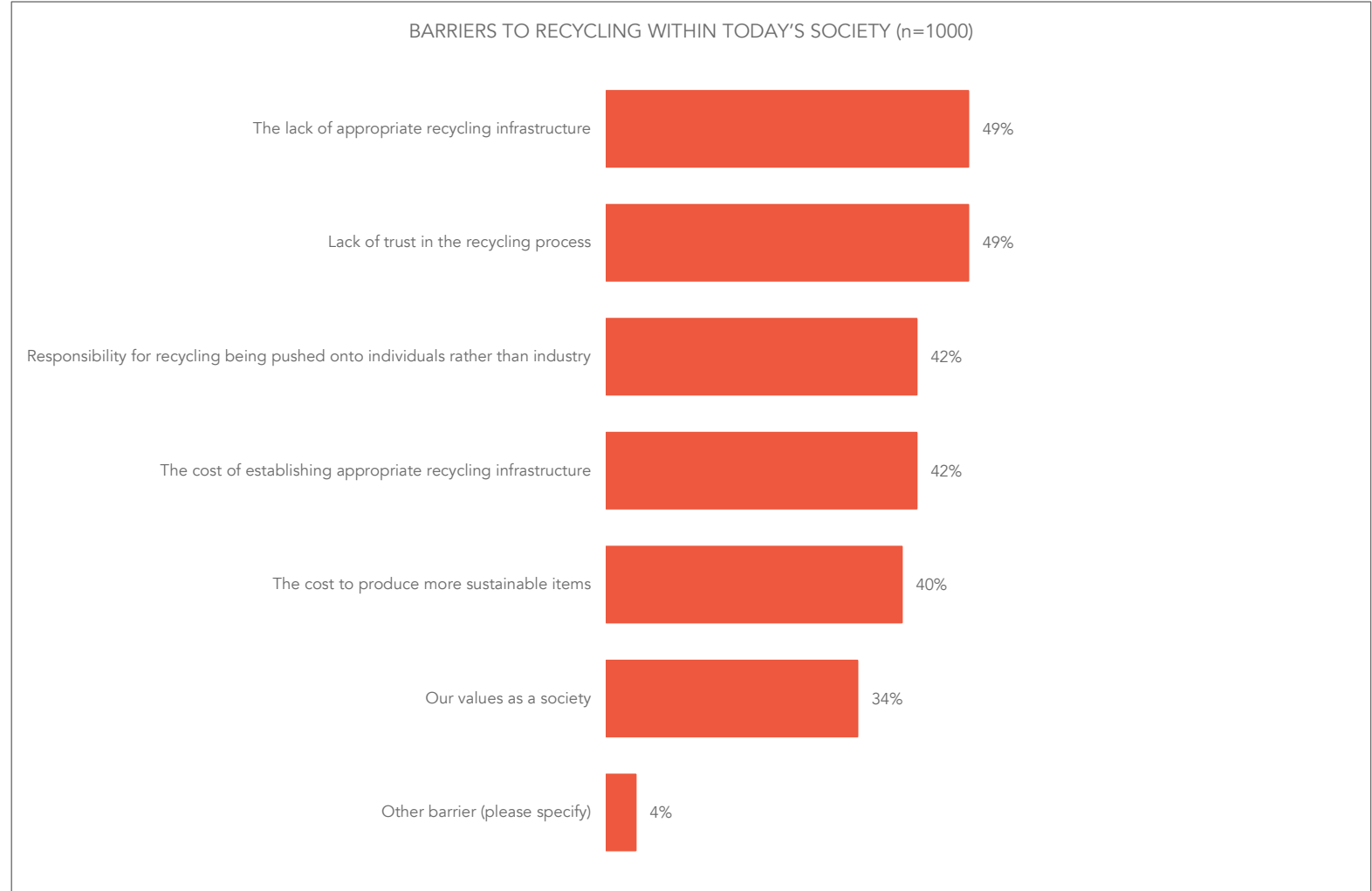


SOCIETAL BARRIERS TO RECYCLING

The two most commonly perceived barriers to recycling as a society are lack of infrastructure and lack of trust in the process (both 49%).

Other barriers given as free text mainly involved either a lack of education on recycling, or were values-related, citing laziness and apathy.

Younger respondents were less sceptical of current processes and infrastructure - 43% of 18-34 year olds listed the lack of infrastructure as a barrier compared to 51% of 35-54 and 55+ year olds, and 40% listed lack of trust in the process, vs 49% of 35-54 year olds and 56% of 55+ year olds.



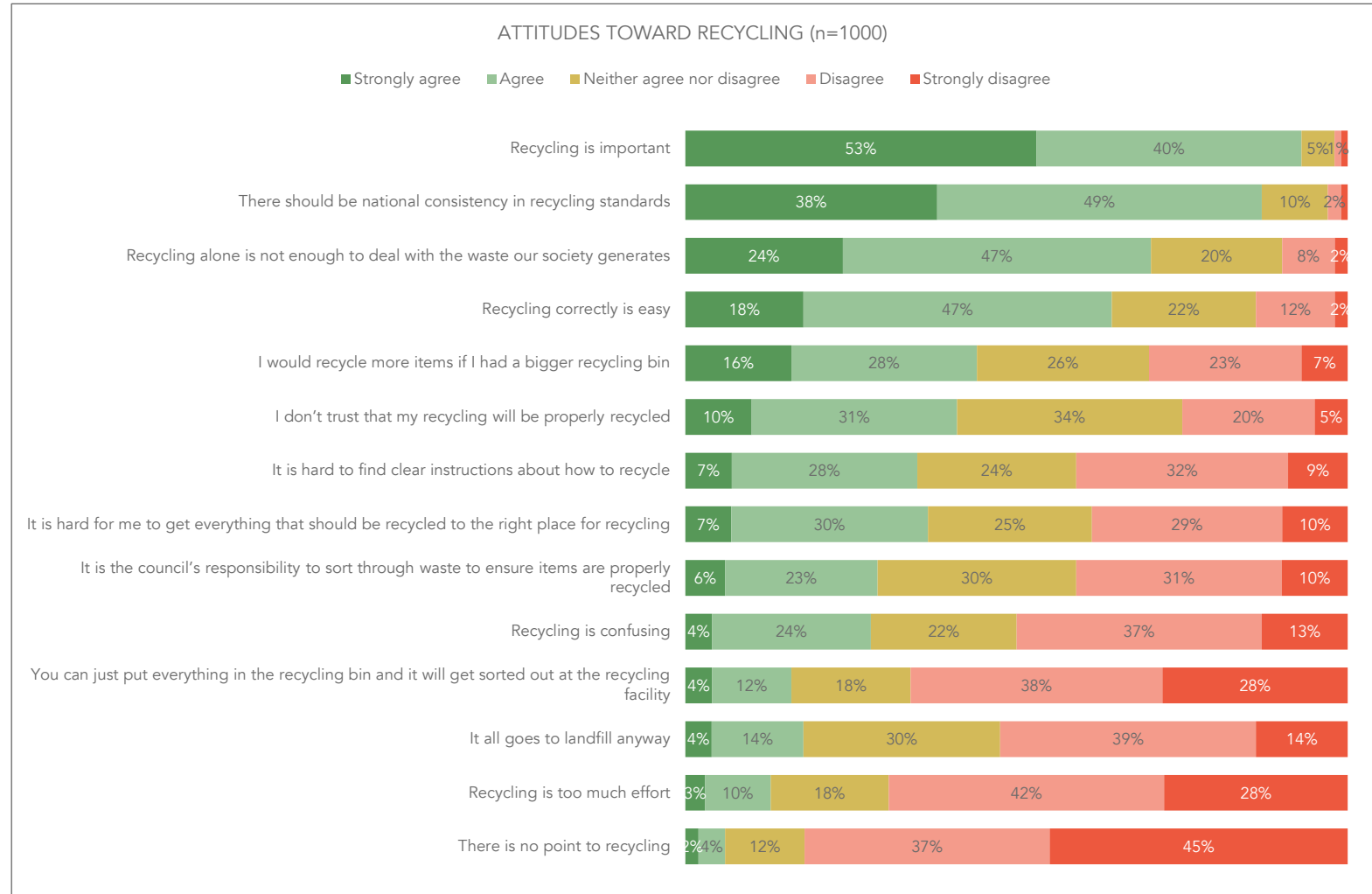
ATTITUDES TOWARDS RECYCLING

Overall, participants believe that recycling is important - 93% agreed with that statement, while only small minorities believed that it is pointless (6%), too much effort (13%), or that it all goes to landfill anyway (18%).

Those who agreed that there is no point to recycling were asked why they thought this. Some of the reasons given were reflected in other statements, such as that it all goes to landfill anyway, or that it won't be properly handled. Others included that there was no incentive, and that other people don't recycle properly, making it pointless.

Along with being important, the majority of participants agreed that recycling is easy (65%). However, there were doubts about the system in its current form, with most people also agreeing that there should be national consistency in recycling standards (87%), and that recycling alone is not enough to deal with the waste our society generates (71%).

18-34 year olds had less positive attitudes, expressing confusion and apathy towards recycling. They were more likely than older groups to agree that recycling is confusing, and that it is hard to find clear instructions. They were also more likely to say that it is pointless, that it all goes to landfill anyway, that it is the council's responsibility, and that you can put anything in the recycling and it will get sorted at the facility.



LACK OF TRUST IN RECYCLING

Continued media coverage of the failures of Australia's recycling system, the memories of recent controversies, and a lack of faith in their fellow citizens have left some people with a lack of trust that their recycling will be dealt with successfully. In 2024, 41% of Australians do not trust that their recycling will be properly recycled.

A central concern of those with this belief is that everything is taken to landfill anyway - whether this was always the intention, as is the belief of those who said they saw both bins being collected by the same truck, or whether it is the result of contamination. There is a lack of trust in other people's capacity or commitment to recycling properly, which leads to viewing contamination as likely, or even a given. A common sentiment, especially among those who live in apartment buildings, was that they know that their neighbours aren't recycling properly, so the whole load will be contaminated anyway.

Mistrust is also rooted in hearing stories of improper recycling, primarily in the media, though also through friends, people in the industry, or via social media. Along with news reports, many people referred to having seen documentaries and series on the topic. For example, the ABC series *War on Waste*, which released its third season last year, was referenced multiple times. Over a year on from the RedCycle controversy, it still looms large, though not mentioned as much as last year. Controversies such as this erode trust in the parties responsible for managing recycling, be that local council, wider government, or the private companies involved (for example, the RedCycle controversy reflected particularly poorly on Coles and Woolworths).

For some, the lack of trust came from an awareness of the scope of the issue, and how challenging it must be to manage: the sheer volume of rubbish to deal with, the costs involved, and a lack of appropriate infrastructure. Lastly, respondents expressed a lack of knowledge of what happens once the recycling leaves their bins, and a lack of transparency in the process which makes it hard to verify results.

QUOTES

A lot of stuff ends up in landfills, just like soft plastic which was collected by supermarkets - 40-44 year old Female

Because I've heard stories it all goes to the same place once my rubbish was missed and when they came to collect they tipped both bins in the same truck - 45-49 year old Female

There are not enough recycling centres to take on the huge amount of recyclable waste to process, and either ends up dumped as landfill or as has previously happened, we end up with a stockpile of waste - 55-59 year old Female

Some companies don't have the best record. Also cross contamination by people doing the wrong thing can lead to loads being rejected - 30-34 year old Male

I don't believe it gets sorted properly because not everyone recycles correctly plus we all saw what happened with our plastic bags - 30-34 year old Female

Because other people in my apartment put things that aren't supposed to go in the recycle bin - 25-29 year old Female

Because I saw The War on Waste where the recycling trucks were tracked/followed and showed the pick ups weren't recycled at all - 60-64 year old Female

I just hear stories in the news where the recycling is just dumped somewhere or shipped overseas - 35-39 year old Male

Councils are lazy and dishonest - 70+ year old Male

There have been too many schemes that have turned out to be furphies, like Red Cycle, exporting to China, etc - 70+ year old, Male

After seeing what happened with the recycle company, I believe that some companies can not be bothered - 60-64 year old Female

Because it must be overwhelming the amount that arrives to be recycled - 50-54 year old Female

I don't think we have the man power or resources to do this and it would be an extra cost - 40-44 year old, Female

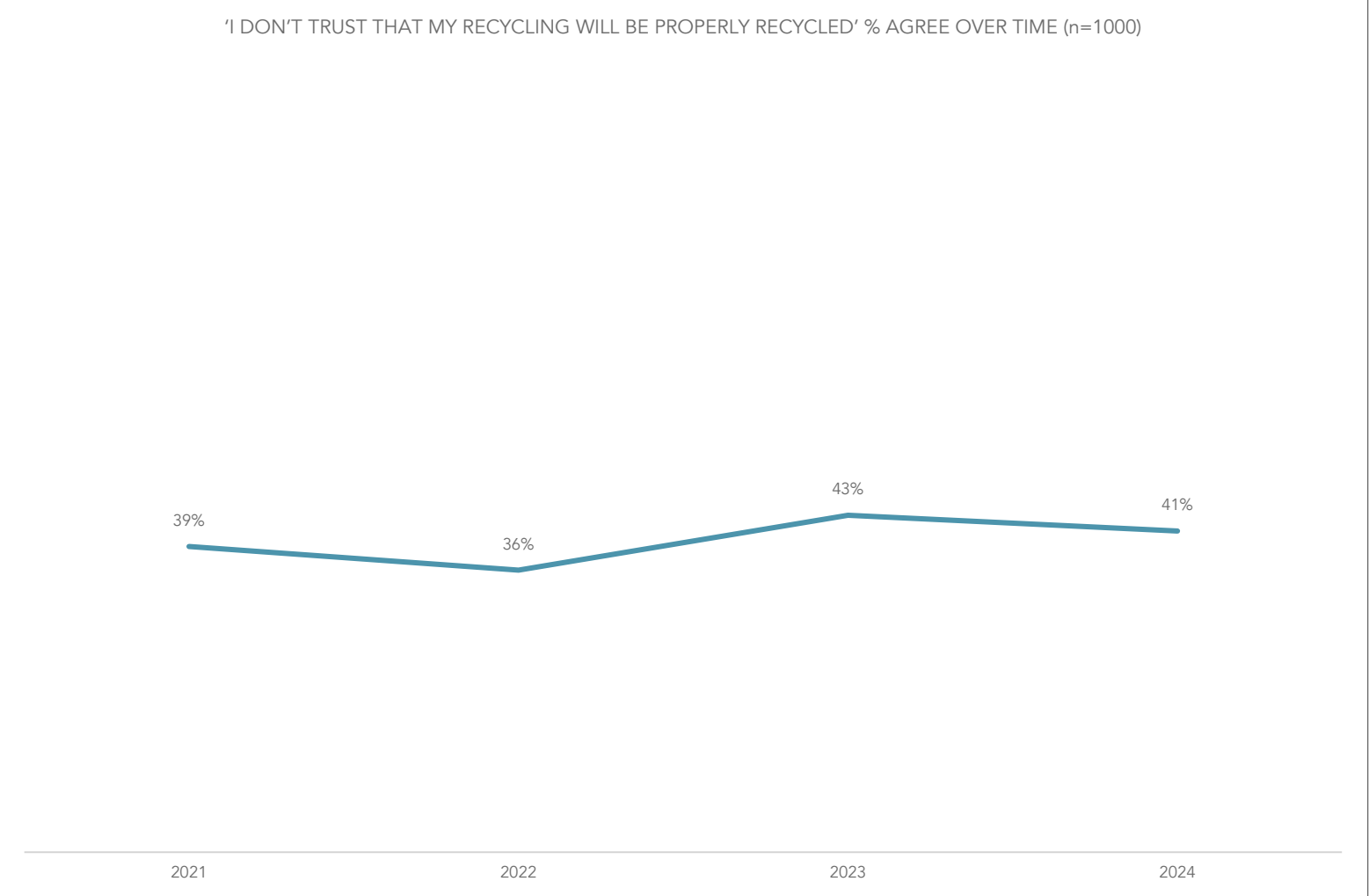
You don't know what happens to your rubbish once it leaves your premises - 55-59 year old, Female



LACK OF TRUST IN RECYCLING - TRENDS

While it is tempting to attribute the significant levels of distrust in the recycling process this year to the continued effects of the RedCycle controversy, comparing the numbers to previous years reveals that since Cleanaway began this report in 2021, distrust has remained reasonably stable, sitting at around 40%. There is only a 2% difference between this year and the first survey in 2021, and the largest difference was only 7%, between 2022 and 2023.

The Australian public's distrust in the recycling system is not the result of one controversy, but of a series of them, along with a range of other factors. Before RedCycle, it was 2019's revelation of how much Australian recycling was shipped overseas.





RECYCLING BEHAVIOURS

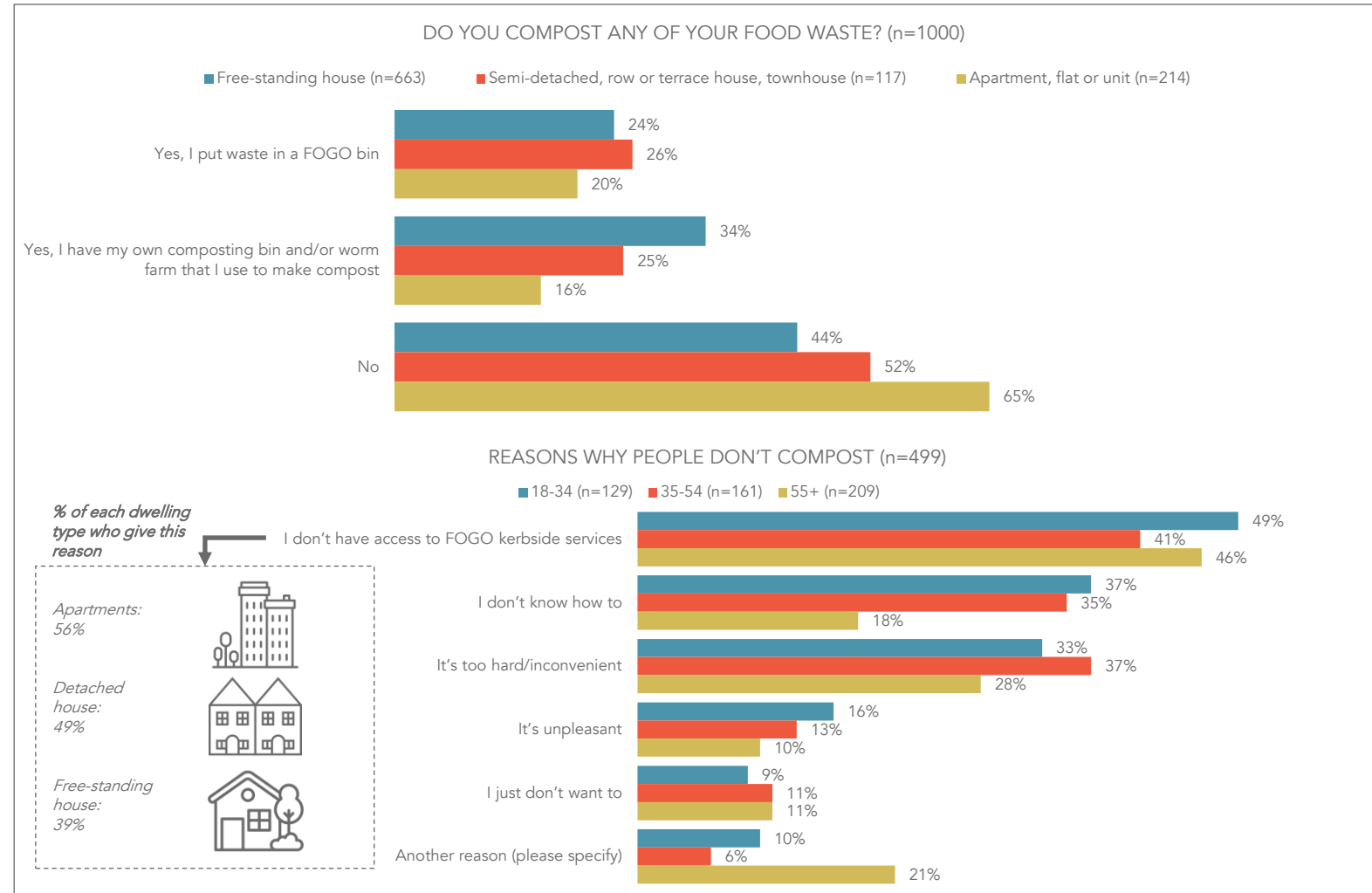


COMPOSTING

Just over half of participants compost their food waste - 23% using a FOGO bin, and 28% with their own composting bin and/or worm farm. Those aged 55+ were less likely than the two younger groups to compost their food waste.

Living arrangements were a central determinant of whether people composted. Those living in free-standing houses were more likely to have and use their own compost bin, and those in nonmetro areas were more likely than those in metro areas (35% nonmetro vs 27% metro). People who lived in apartments were more likely not to compost. When asked why they do not compost, people in apartments were also more likely to report that they do not have access to FOGO kerbside services. The main 'other reason' given for not composting, predominantly by apartment residents, was a lack of anywhere to put it, particularly not having a garden.

The next most common reasons for not composting were it being too hard or inconvenient (32%), and not knowing how (29%). The latter response was more common in younger and mid-life Australians (37% and 35% respectively), while only 18% of older Australians do not know how to compost.

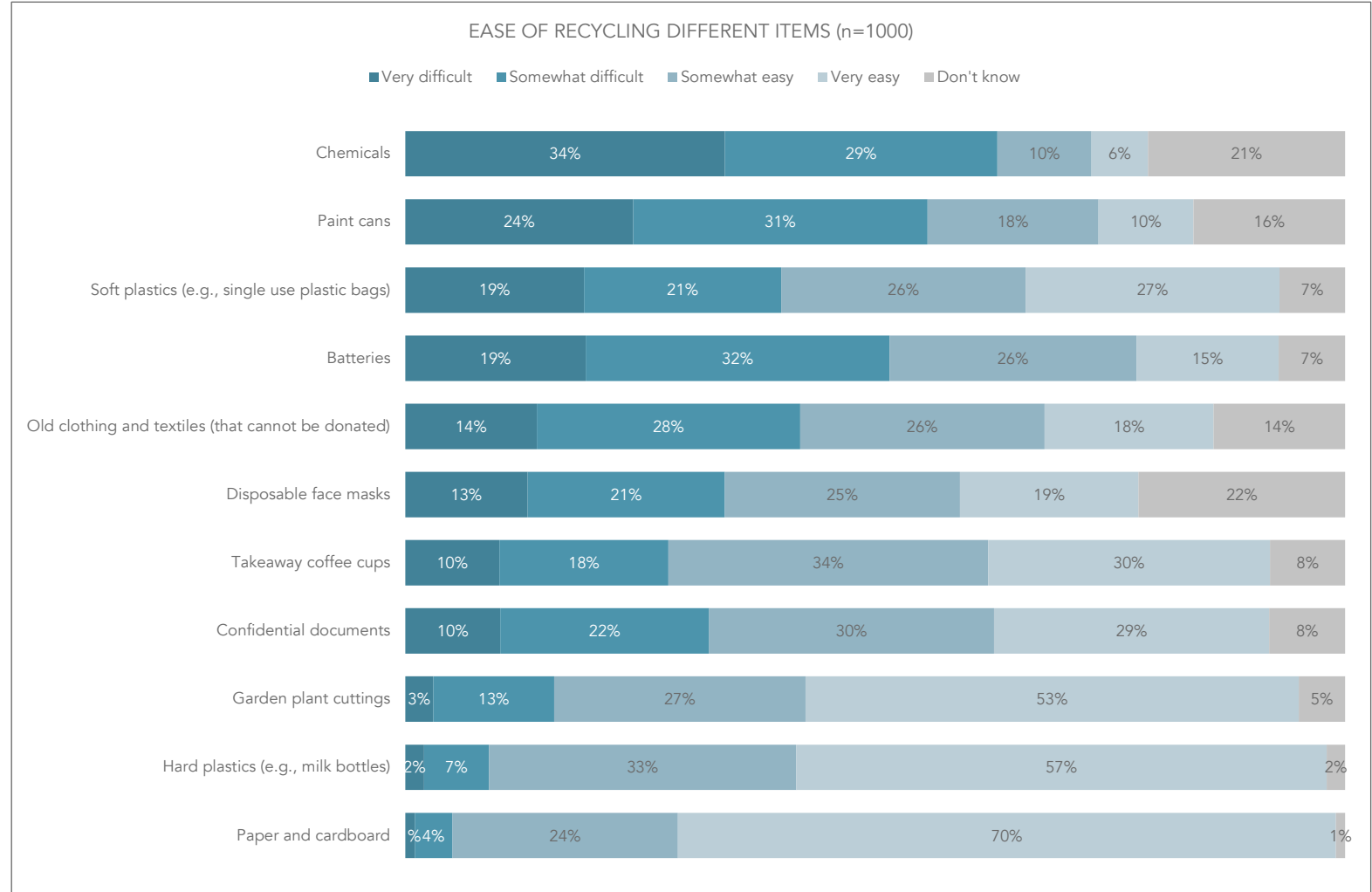


EASE OF RECYCLING SPECIFIC ITEMS

Roughly one in five Australians do not know how to correctly dispose of disposable face masks (22%), chemicals (21%), or paint cans (16%). These values were consistent across age groups.

Among those who know how to recycle the items, the most difficult to dispose of correctly are chemicals, paint cans, batteries, and old clothing and textiles. The easiest to dispose of are paper and cardboard, hard plastics, and garden plant cuttings.

Younger Australians were more likely to find disposing of chemicals and paint cans easy, while older Australians were better equipped to dispose of garden plant cuttings.

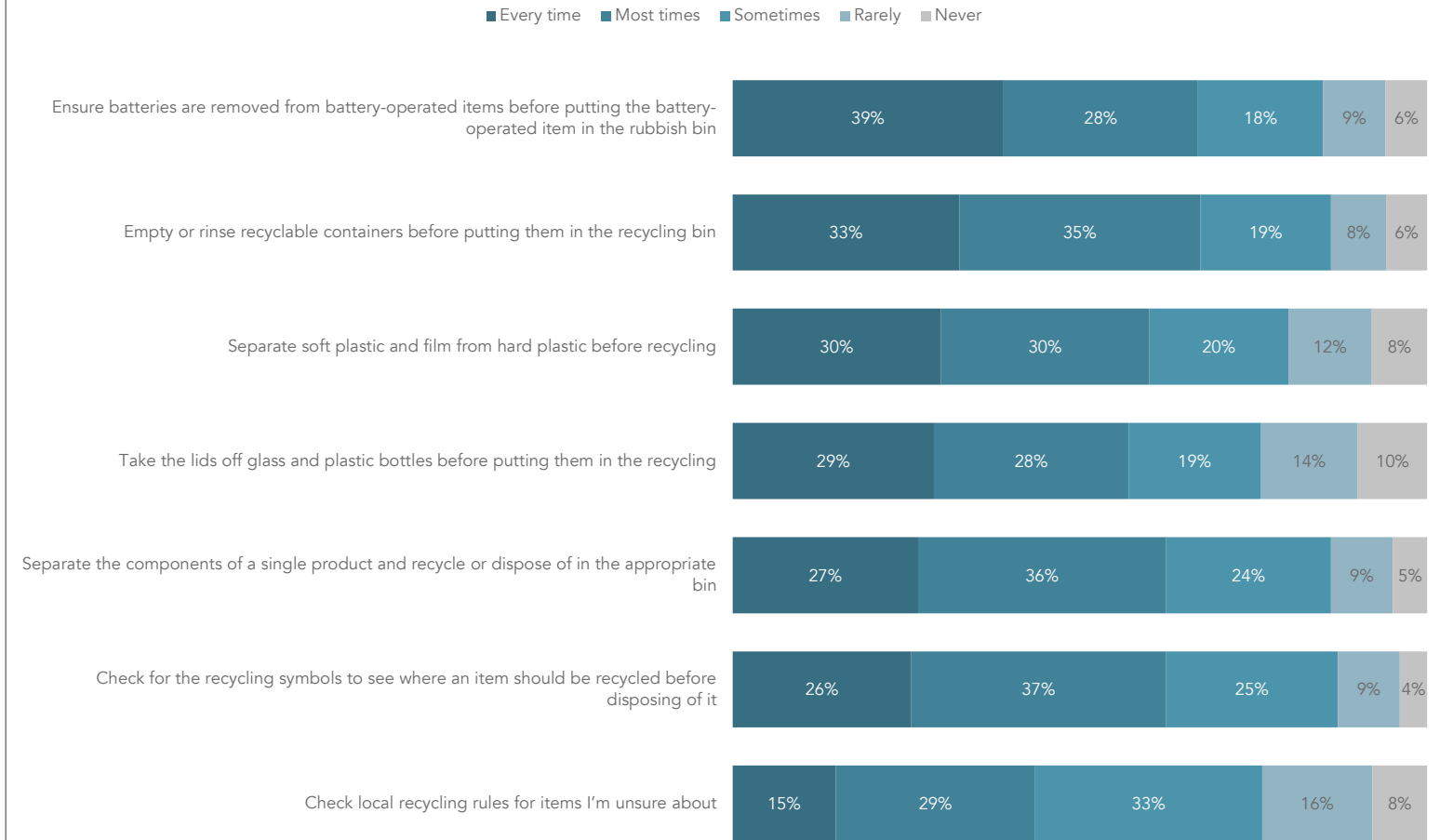


POSITIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT BEHAVIOURS

Around half of Australians engage in each of the given behaviours every time or most times they recycle. The most common behaviours are ensuring batteries are removed from battery-operated items and emptying/rinsing recyclable containers (both 67%). The least common behaviour is checking local recycling rules, but 44% of people still did this most or every time.

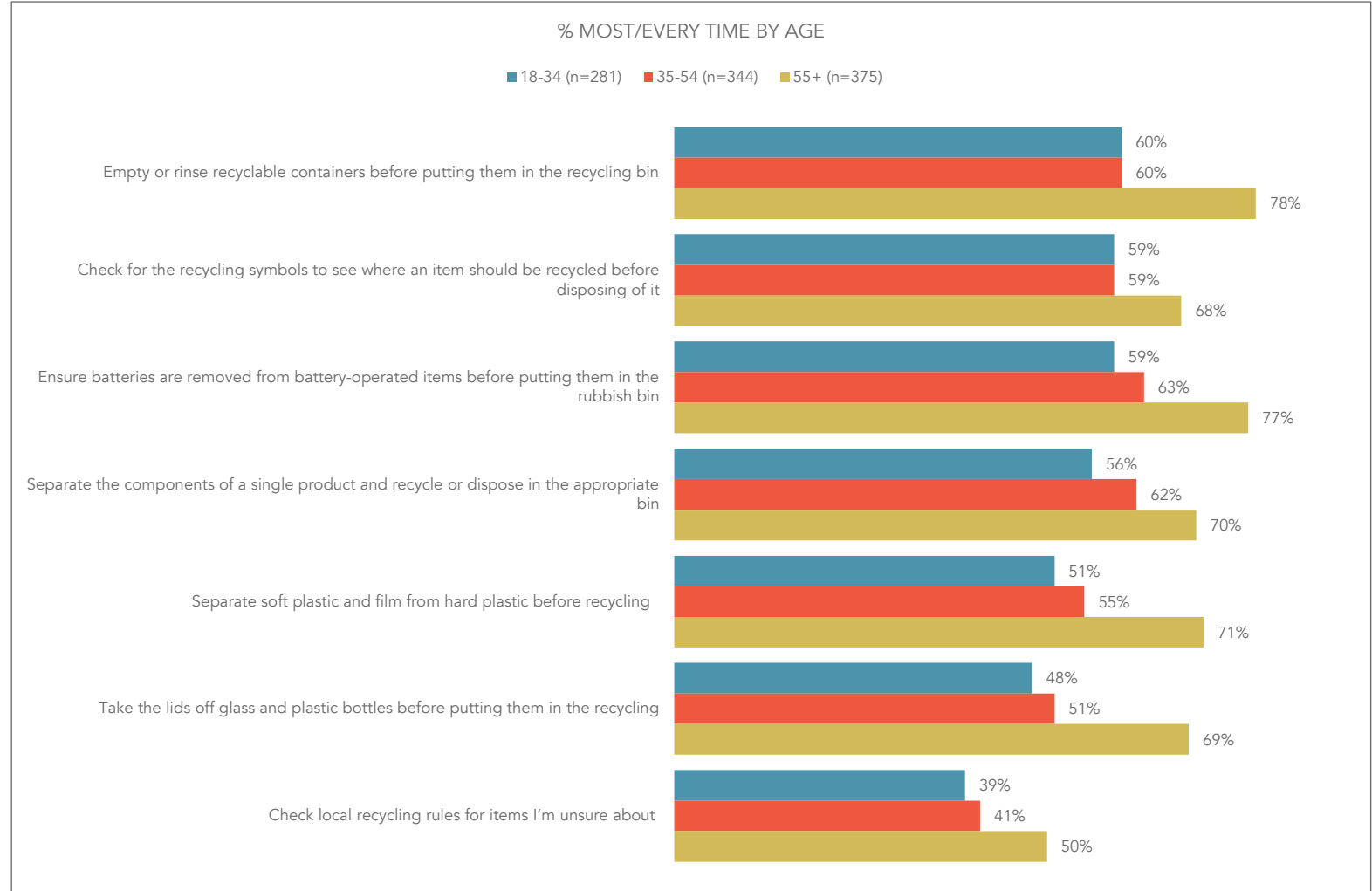


FREQUENCY OF WASTE MANAGEMENT BEHAVIOURS (n=1000)



POSITIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT BEHAVIOURS (CONTINUED)

Older Australians reported higher levels of consistent engagement in every behaviour. It cannot be said, however, that engagement increases with age: those aged 35-54 were more likely than both older *and* younger Australians to never or rarely empty/rinse containers or separate soft from hard plastic. For all other behaviours there was no significant difference between the younger and midlife groups.





SORTING TASK



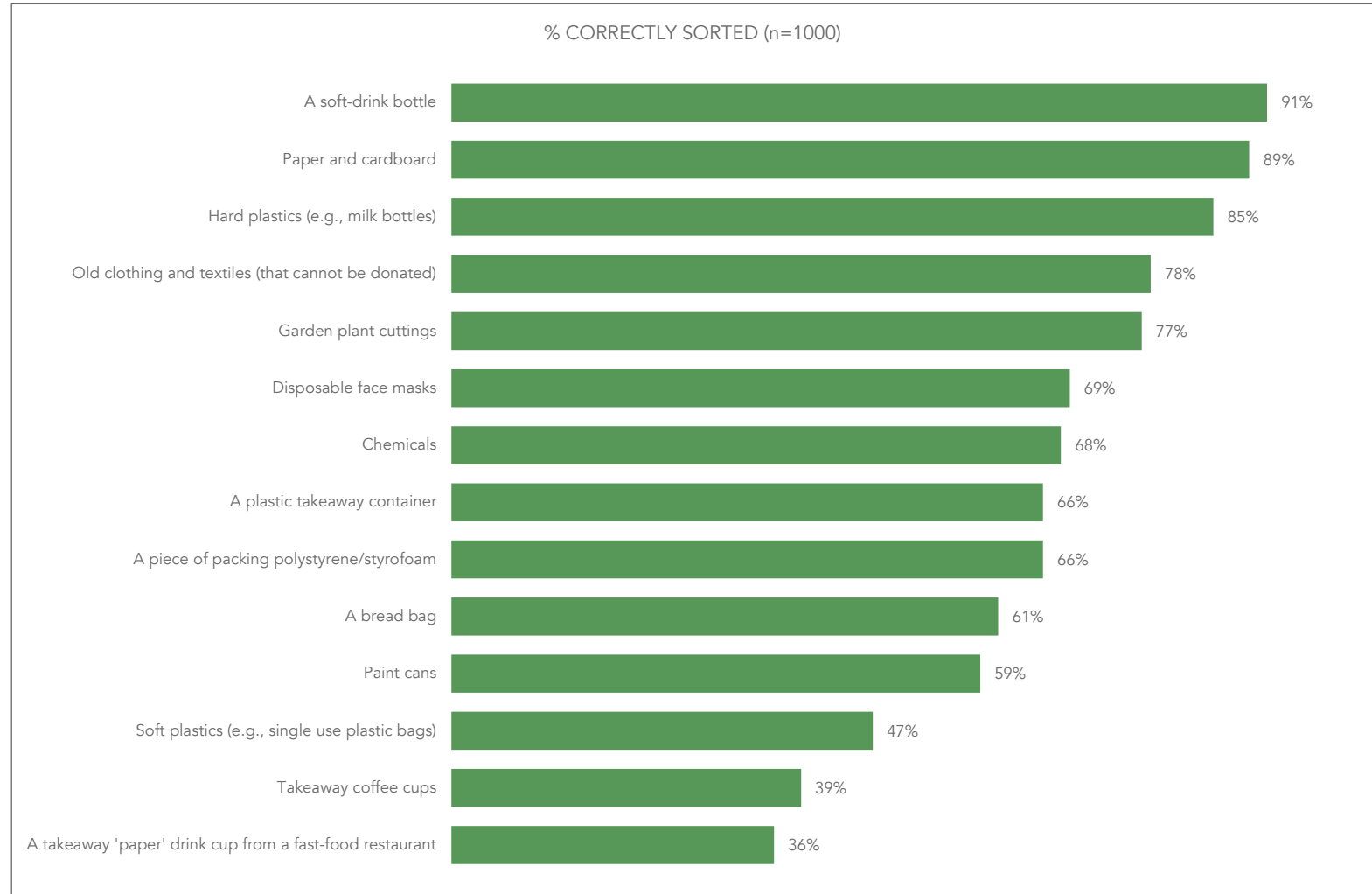
SORTING WASTE

Participants were shown a range of common household waste items, and a list of options for how they would dispose of each one. For some items, there were multiple correct answers.

On the whole, participants were successful in this task - 11 of 14 items were sorted accurately by the majority.

Australians are most confident about which items go in the mixed recycling - the three most correctly sorted items all belong to this category: soft-drink bottles (91%), paper and cardboard (89%), and hard plastics (85%).

Participants were least certain about how to dispose of takeaway cups: 48% of people incorrectly disposed of takeaway coffee cups in the mixed recycling, and even more did so to fast food drink cups (58%). People were also unsure of how to dispose of soft plastics, with one in three people saying they'd put them in the mixed recycling.





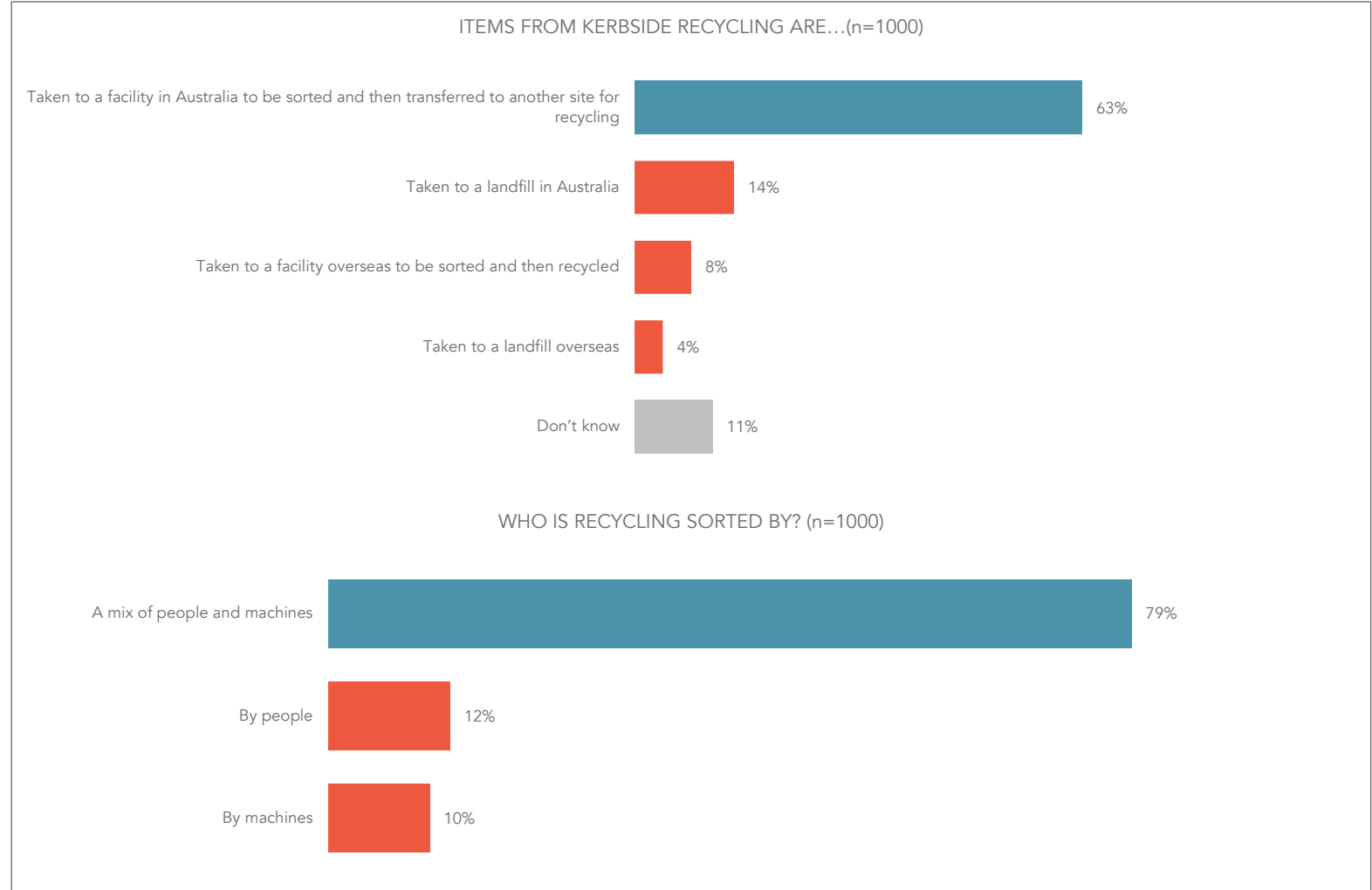
RECYCLING KNOWLEDGE



KNOWLEDGE OF RECYCLING PROCESS

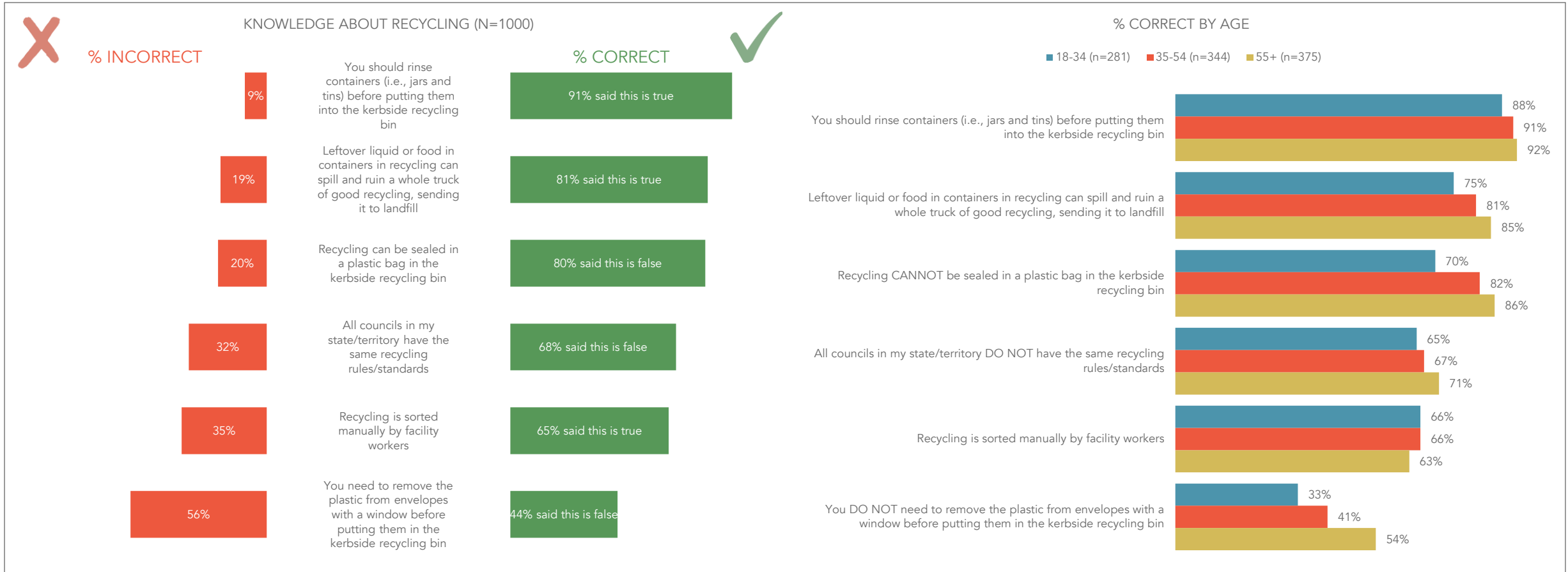
The majority of Australians are able to correctly answer simple questions about what happens to items from the kerbside recycling after they are collected. Nearly two-thirds correctly stated that they are taken to a facility in Australia to be sorted, and then transferred to another site for recycling (63%). Despite issues with trust identified in earlier questions, still only 14% believe that it is taken to a landfill in Australia, and 12% that it is taken overseas (8% to be recycled, 4% to landfill). Nearly 80% of people correctly believe that recycling is sorted by a mix of people and machines.

Younger people were more likely to believe that items from the recycling bin are taken to a landfill overseas, and least likely to believe the correct answer (only 53%), reflecting the higher levels of scepticism previously identified. Younger people were also more likely to think that recycling is sorted by only machines. Older Australians were more likely to be correct about where recycling is taken, and less likely to think it is taken overseas.



KNOWLEDGE OF WASTE DISPOSAL RULES

Most respondents have adequate knowledge of kerbside recycling rules, with the majority of people answering correctly to all statements, except for whether you need to remove the plastic from envelopes (44% correct). This knowledge is loosely associated with age, with older Australians answering correctly more frequently than younger Australians. This is particularly the case for removing the plastic from envelopes, and whether recycling can be sealed in plastic bags.



RECYCLING VS IPC SYMBOLS

The universal recycling symbol, logo, or icon is an internationally recognised symbol used to designate recyclable materials.

On items containing plastic, the Plastics Identification Code (PIC) symbols bear a strong resemblance to the universal recycling logo, creating a source of confusion for correct recycling practices.

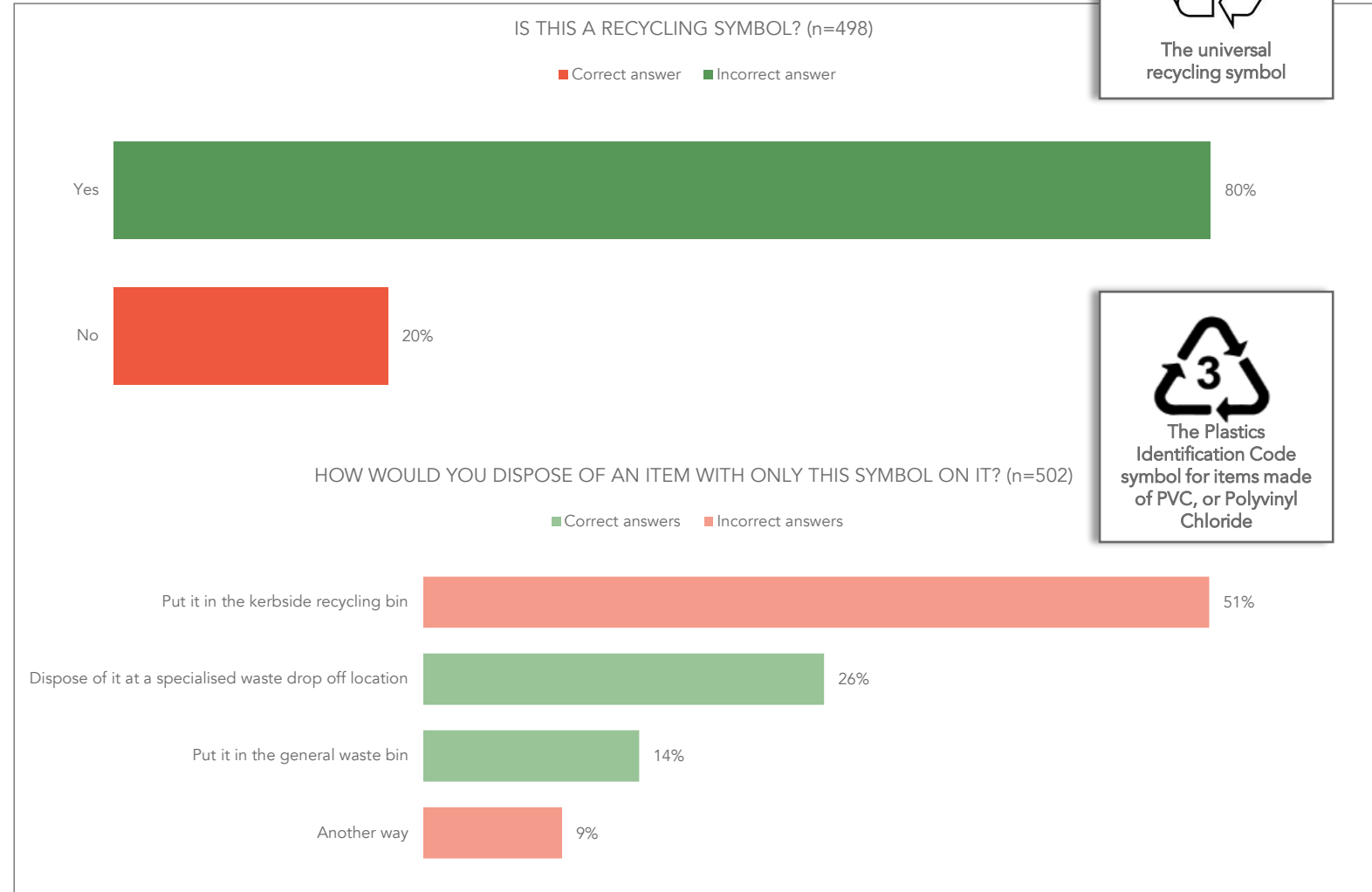
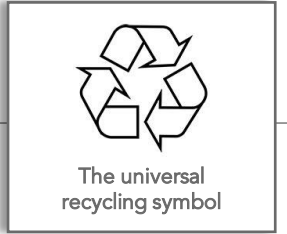
To explore general comprehension of the difference between the universal recycling symbol and PIC symbols, respondents were divided randomly into one of two groups to be asked a question about the PIC symbol for an item made of PVC - a plastic that is difficult to recycle and contains harmful chemicals, and as such should **not** be disposed of in the recycling.

GROUP 1 WAS ASKED A YES/NO QUESTION: "IS THIS [THE PIC SYMBOL FOR PVC] A RECYCLING SYMBOL?"

- Eight out of ten respondents *incorrectly* identified the symbol as being a recycling symbol

GROUP 2 WAS ASKED HOW THEY WOULD DISPOSE OF AN ITEM THAT HAD ONLY THE PIC SYMBOL FOR PVC ON IT

- One in two respondents said that they would dispose of the item in the recycling bin - thus indicating that they interpret it as a recycling symbol



KNOWLEDGE OF LANDFILL BREAKDOWN TIMES

Respondents were asked to guess how many years it takes for a range of common household items to break down in landfill. On the whole, they vastly underestimated the time required, with responses consistent across age groups.

The item that people estimated most accurately was the plastic shopping bag, with 67% of people guessing within the average range - however, this is not entirely surprising as it is a wide range.

When participants were given the opportunity to leave final comments at the conclusion of the survey, several people mentioned this task and what it had taught them about the time it takes items to break down in landfill:

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“Thank you for the survey, especially about the specialised drop off information and how long it takes for items to degrade in a landfill” - 35-39 year old, Male

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“This survey was great because it gave the correct answers to items lasting in landfill and where you can dispose of batteries” - 60-64 year old, Female



ITEM	How long it really takes (on average) for the item to break down in landfill	How many Australians don't realise how long it takes?
A glass bottle	Millions of years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 98% think it takes less than 1,000,000 years • 84% think it takes less than 1,000 years
A plastic water bottle	450 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 87% think it takes less than 450 years
A plastic shopping bag	10-1000 years (depending on specific plastic composition)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30% think it takes less than 10 years • 67% think it takes 10-1,000 years
Disposable mask	450 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 94% think it takes less than 450 years
Wet wipes	100 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 83% think it takes less than 100 years



THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY



THE WASTE HIERARCHY

Participants were shown five solutions for managing waste, which varied in their level of sustainability. 'Avoid buying unnecessary or single-use items' was the most sustainable, and 'dispose of waste into landfills' the least sustainable. They were asked to rank the options in order from best to worst.

The majority of Australians (72%) correctly placed disposal of waste into landfills at the bottom of the ranking. 39% selected avoiding buying unnecessary or single-use items as the best solution. Aside from option 5, the rankings varied, particularly for the middle three, which were only placed correctly about a quarter of the time.

Older Australians ranked 'buying products that use recycled packaging or materials' slightly higher than the other two age groups, and ranked disposal of waste in landfills lower (83% ranking it #5).



CORRECT ORDER	1	2	3	4	5
1. Avoid buying unnecessary or single-use items	39%	16%	15%	21%	9%
2. Reuse materials by donating them, upcycling or repurposing	18%	26%	25%	24%	7%
3. Buy products that use recycled packaging or materials	20%	23%	26%	27%	5%
4. Recycle materials in the correct bins to ensure they can be made into something new	19%	29%	26%	19%	7%
5. Dispose of waste into landfills	4%	6%	8%	9%	72%

THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Nearly half of respondents (48%) have never heard of the circular economy. Almost a third (31%) have heard the phrase and have an idea of what it means.

Once shown the description below, 84% believed it was very or extremely important to implement the circular economy in Australia.

“A circular economy is about changing the way we produce, assemble, package, sell and use products to minimise waste and increase the collection and use of recycled material in manufacturing new products, as opposed to a linear economy or “take-make-dispose” model whereby raw materials are used to make products that are then disposed of in landfill after short-term use. A circular economy of recycling creates environmental, economic and social benefits through litter and emissions reduction, job creation and industry growth, and by increasing efficient use of natural resources (including energy, water, trees and oil).”

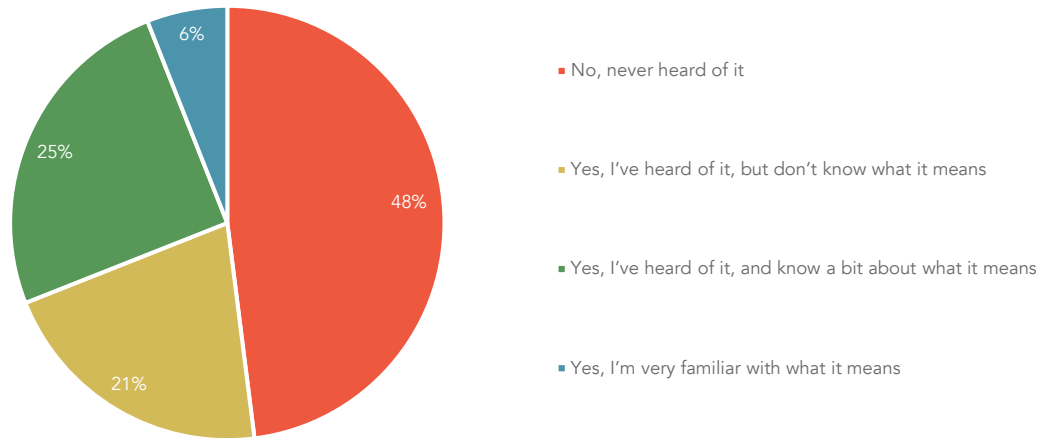
CIRCULAR ECONOMY



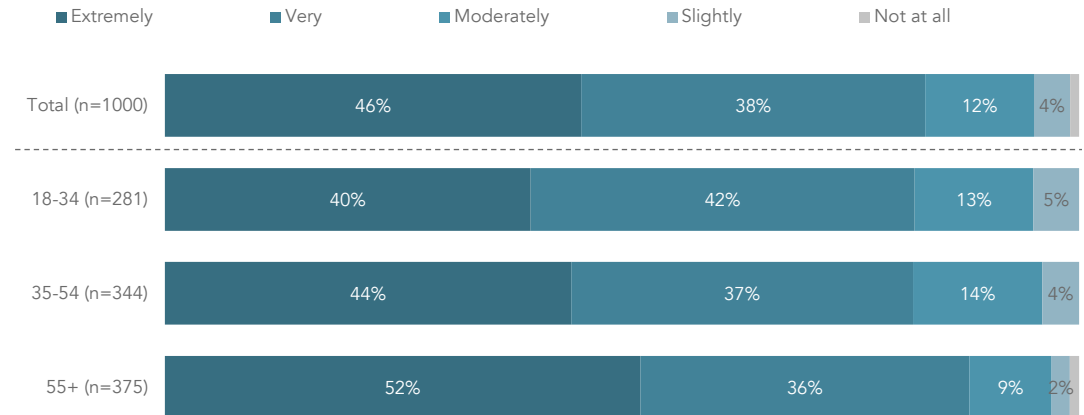
LINEAR ECONOMY



FAMILIARITY WITH THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY



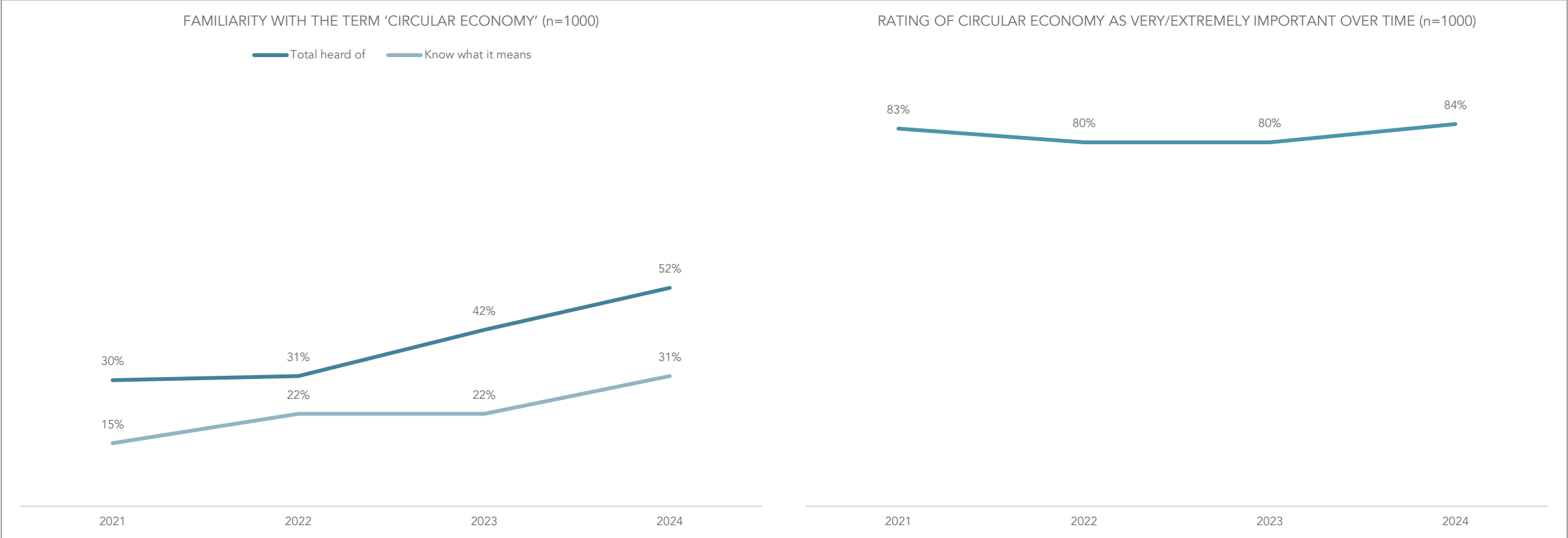
IMPORTANCE OF THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY BY AGE



THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY - TRENDS

Since the commencement of Cleanaway’s annual reports in 2021, the proportion of Australians who have ever heard the term ‘circular economy’ has increased by over 20%, from 30% to 52%. Within that, the percentage who have at least some idea of what the term means has more than doubled (from 15% in 2021 to 31% in 2024). This indicates that use of the concept by governments and in the media is making an impact on the popular consciousness.

Meanwhile, the proportion of people rating the circular economy as very or extremely important to implement after having the concept explained has remained stable – though it has reached its highest recorded level this year at 84%. This stability indicates that the problem has never been with support for the circular economy, but rather with familiarity with the term, putting a name to ideas that Australians already intrinsically value.

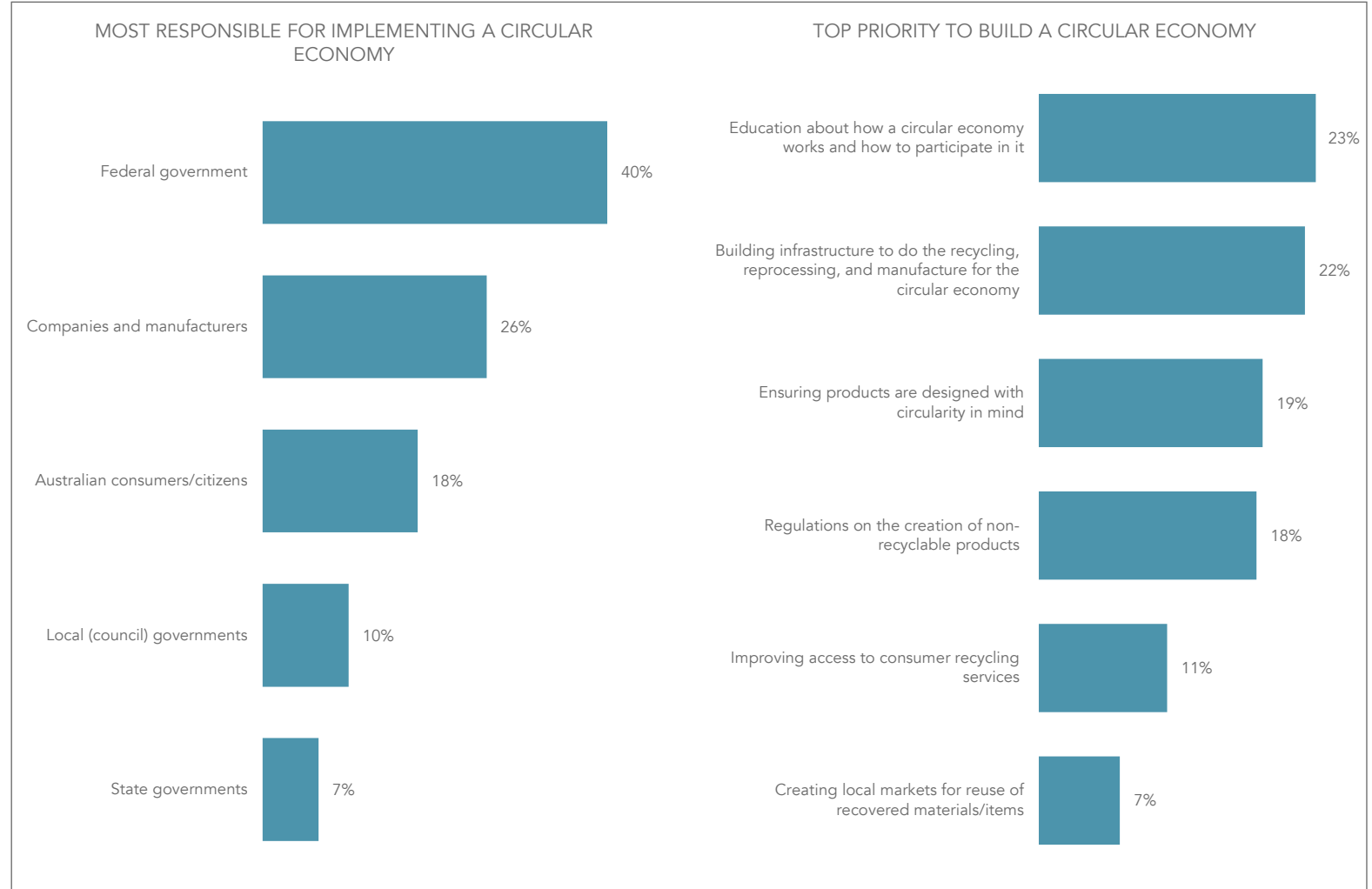


E2 Have you heard of the concept "circular economy"?
 E3 Based on the provided description of a circular economy, how important to you think it is to implement this in Australia?

IMPLEMENTING THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Participants were presented with five stakeholders and asked to rank them by who is most responsible for implementing a circular economy in Australia. The Federal Government was ranked most responsible, followed by companies and manufacturers, and Australian consumers. State governments were considered least responsible.

The actions that were determined to be highest priority in implementing a circular economy were educating people and building infrastructure, followed by regulations on the design and creation of products.





SUSTAINABLE
BEHAVIOURS AND
RATIONALE (COST VS
ENVIRONMENT)



SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOURS

Most Australians are engaging in sustainable behaviours, with the most popular being waiting as long as possible to buy replacement items (88%) and trying to repair items rather than replace (84%). The only positive behaviour not done by the majority of people is growing their own food (32%).

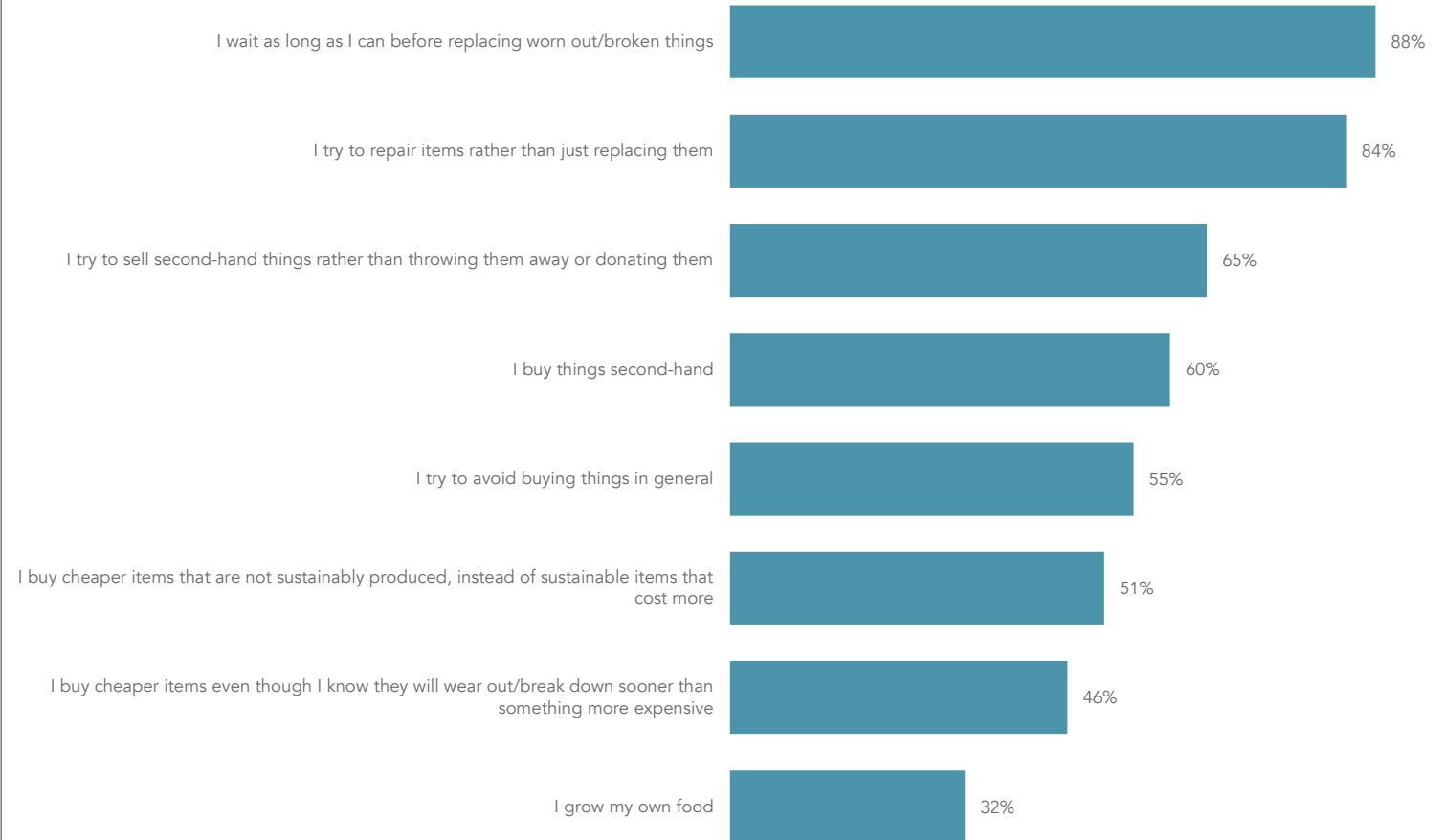
Around half of Australians buy cheaper, unsustainable items over more expensive, sustainable ones (51%), and buy cheaper items even though they will break sooner than expensive ones (46%).

Older Australians are significantly less likely than the two younger age groups to both buy and sell second-hand items. They are also less likely to buy cheaper items over more expensive sustainable ones. Meanwhile, Australians aged 18-34 are more likely to buy cheaper items even though they will wear out sooner.

These differences could reflect generational changes in the culture of shopping and consumption - for example, it was only in the past decade or two that thrifting became 'trendy', and platforms like Gumtree and Facebook Marketplace make it easy to buy second hand.



% OF PEOPLE ENGAGING IN SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOURS (n=1000)

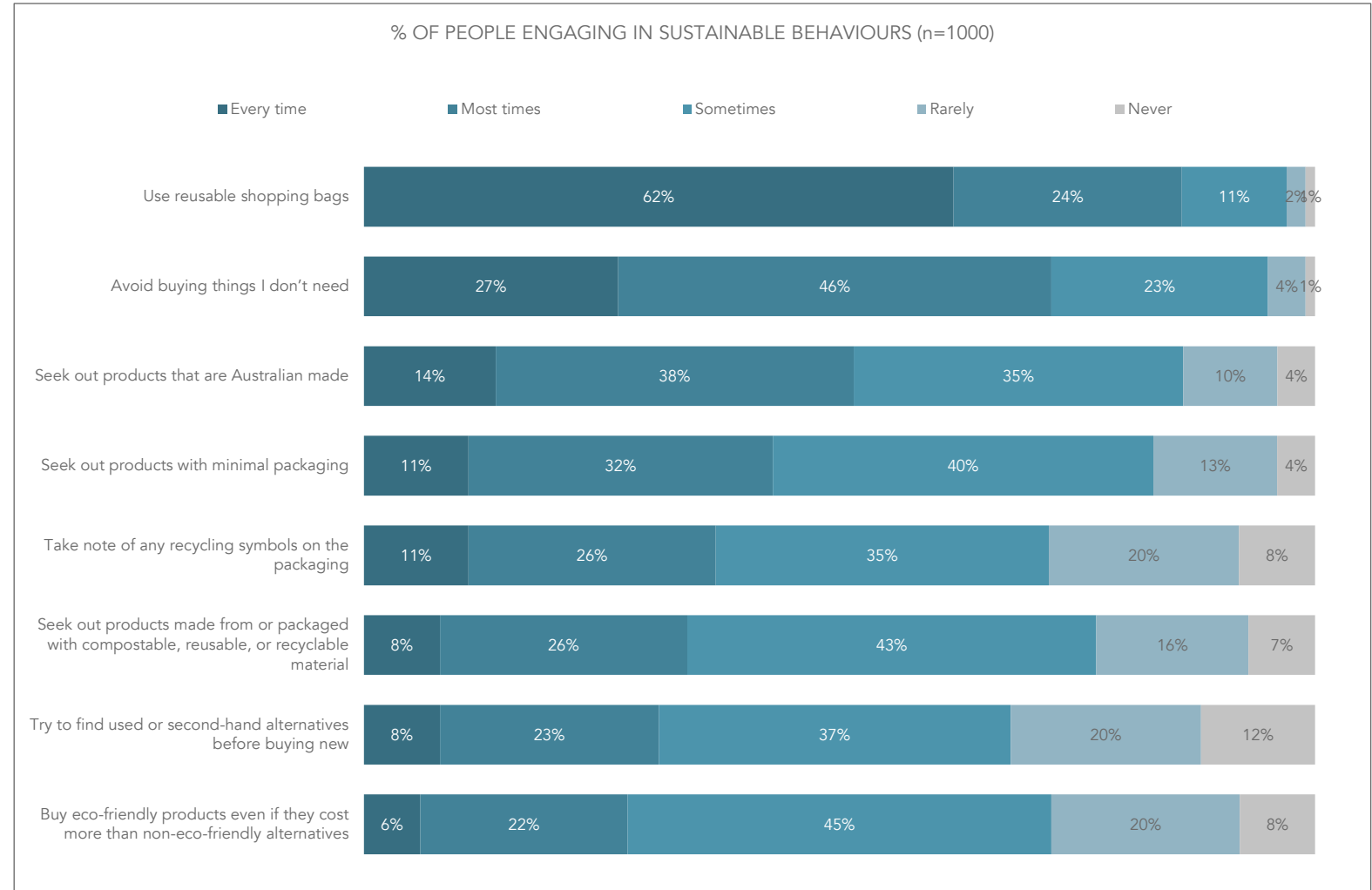


SUSTAINABLE BEHAVIOURS - SHOPPING IN-STORE

Australians are less consistent in their sustainable behaviours when physically shopping in stores. Only three of the listed behaviours are done every time or most times by the majority of people: using reusable shopping bags (86%), avoiding buying things they don't need (72%), and seeking out products made in Australia (51%).

The least common behaviour was buying eco-friendly products even if they cost more than non-eco-friendly alternatives (28%), as reflected in similar answers to the question prior. However, the behaviour that the most people reported *never* doing was trying to find used alternatives before buying new (12%).

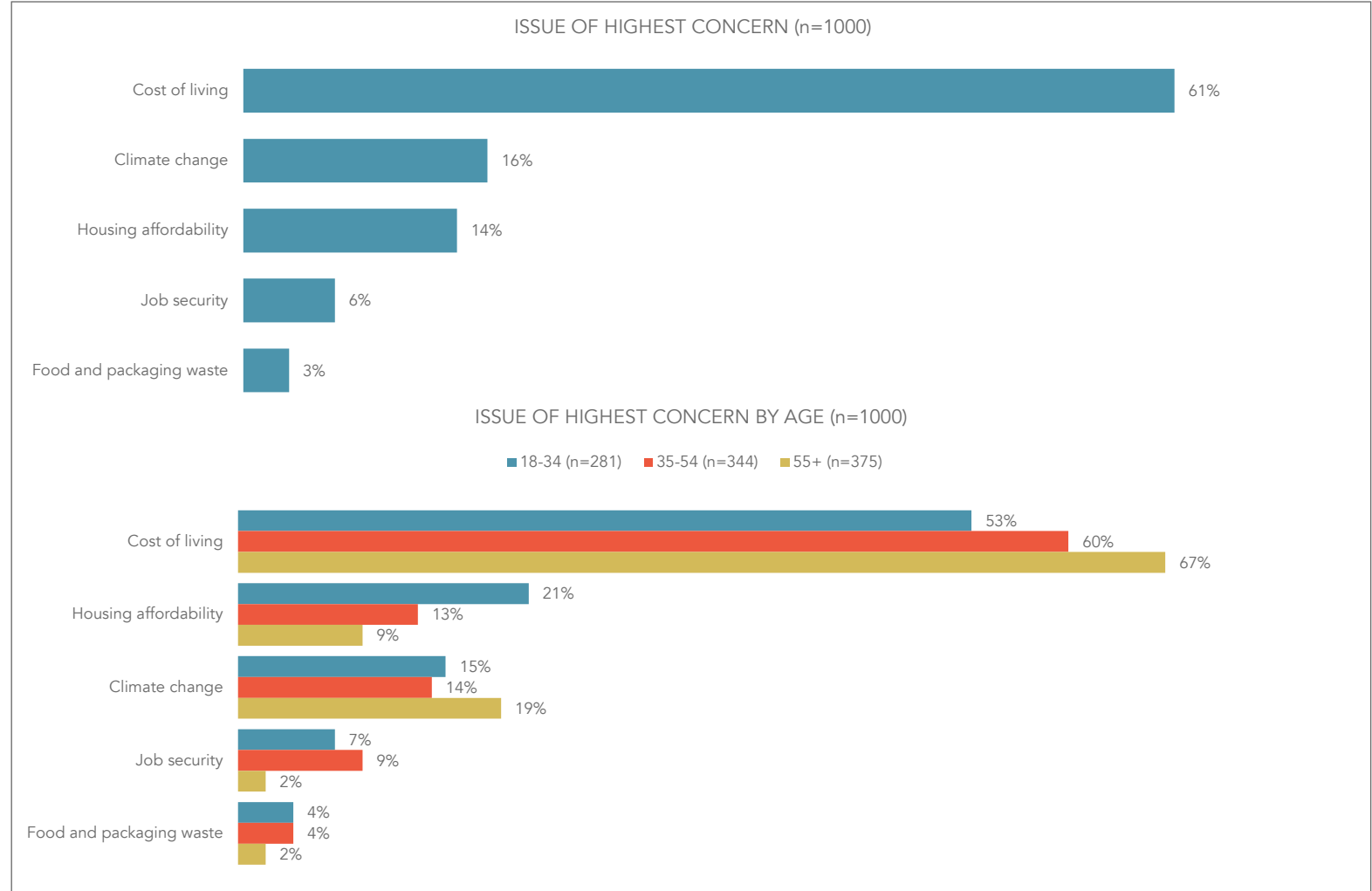
Older Australians were generally more sustainable than younger or midlife ones in their shopping behaviours, with higher proportions of them using reusable bags, avoiding buying things they don't need, and seeking out products that are Australian made and have minimal packaging. However, as reflected in the previous question, they are less likely to look for second-hand alternatives before buying new.



COST OF LIVING VS ENVIRONMENT

When asked to rank five current issues in order of highest to lowest concern, cost of living was the clear top priority, with 61% ranking it first. Climate change came in second with 16%, and food and packaging waste was last with only 3%. For 18-34 year olds, climate change ranked in third, behind housing affordability. Older Australians were more concerned about the cost of living, with 67% of 55+ year olds ranking it most important, compared to 60% of 35-54 year olds and 53% of 18-34 year olds. They were also the most concerned about climate change.

This concern with the cost of living and its prioritisation over the environment is reflected in practice in participants' sustainable behaviours. The behaviours which save people money (like buying second-hand, avoiding buying things they don't need, and repairing rather than replacing) are far more popular than those which would cost them more. The majority of people will not regularly choose the more expensive option just because it will last longer or is more eco-friendly.





BATTERIES



DISPOSING OF BATTERIES

A clear majority of Australians are aware of how to correctly dispose of batteries: 77% know that they cannot be placed in kerbside bins, while only 6% think they can and 17% are unsure.

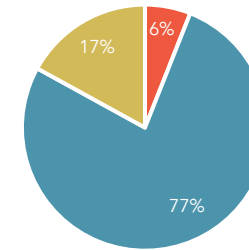
When administered a smaller version of the sorting task, more than four in five people correctly select that mobile phones (84%), laptops (83%), and batteries (82%) should be disposed of at a specialised drop-off. Those who reported having an e-waste bin were provided with this option as well, and nearly half of them selected it (42% for batteries, 45% for phones, and 48% for laptops) – though this made up only a small fraction of the total sample. This option is not incorrect, it depends on the local council.

Older Australians had a better knowledge of battery disposal, being more likely than younger or midlife Australians to say that batteries cannot be placed in kerbside bins (84% selected 'No' compared to 69% of 18-34 and 75% of 35-54 year olds). They are also more likely to sort batteries, laptops, and mobile phones correctly, saying they should go to a specialised drop-off.



CAN BATTERIES OR RECHARGEABLE DEVICES BE PLACED IN KERBSIDE BINS? (n=1000)

■ Yes (INCORRECT) ■ No (CORRECT) ■ Unsure



DISPOSAL METHOD SELECTED (n=1000)

■ Specialised drop-off (CORRECT) ■ E-waste bin (DEPENDS ON COUNCIL) ■ Other (INCORRECT)



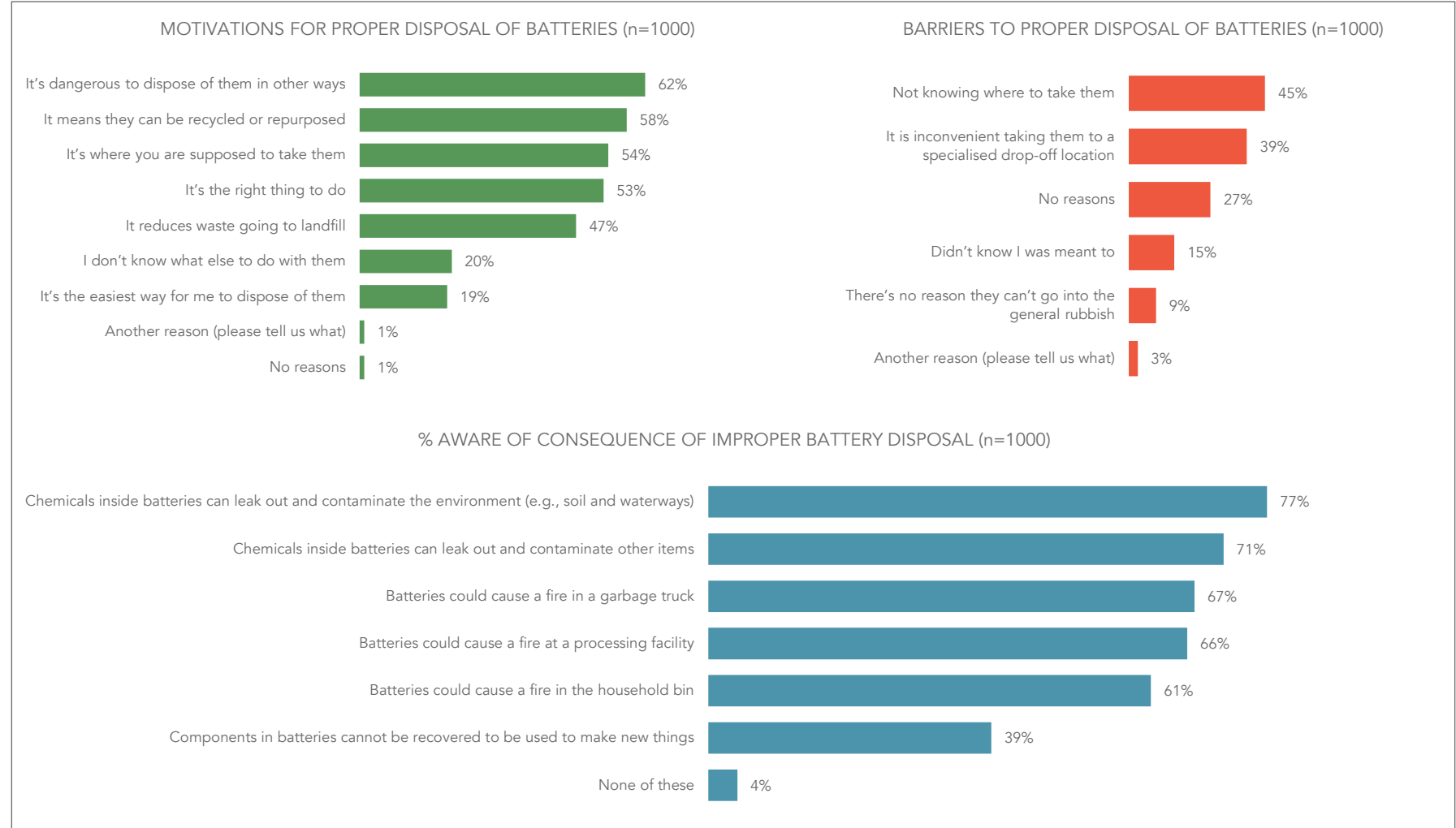
MOTIVATIONS AND BARRIERS TO PROPER BATTERY DISPOSAL

The most common motivations given for taking batteries to a specialised drop-off location are that it is dangerous to do otherwise (62%), that it means they can be recycled (58%), and that it's what you're supposed to do (54%). Being easy is not a draw, with only 19% of people selecting that as a motivator.

Accessibility is the largest barrier to proper battery disposal, with 45% of people not knowing where to take them, and 39% saying it is inconvenient to take them to a specialised drop-off location. Knowledge is not a barrier, only 15% of participants reported not knowing they were meant to dispose of batteries this way, and 9% thinking there is no reason they can't go in the general rubbish.

Australians are largely aware of the potential consequences of improper battery disposal. The majority know the consequences involving leaking and contamination, as well as fires. They are less aware of the capacity of battery components to be recycled (39%).

Older Australians had a better knowledge of battery disposal across the board, as well as more motivation to properly dispose of them. All of the top 5 motivators were selected by a higher proportion of older Australians than of the two younger groups. Younger Australians are more likely to think batteries can just go in the general rubbish (14% vs 8% and 7%), while older Australians are more likely to report having no barriers to proper disposal (41% vs 15% and 22%). Those aged over 55 were also more knowledgeable about all of the consequences of improper disposal.

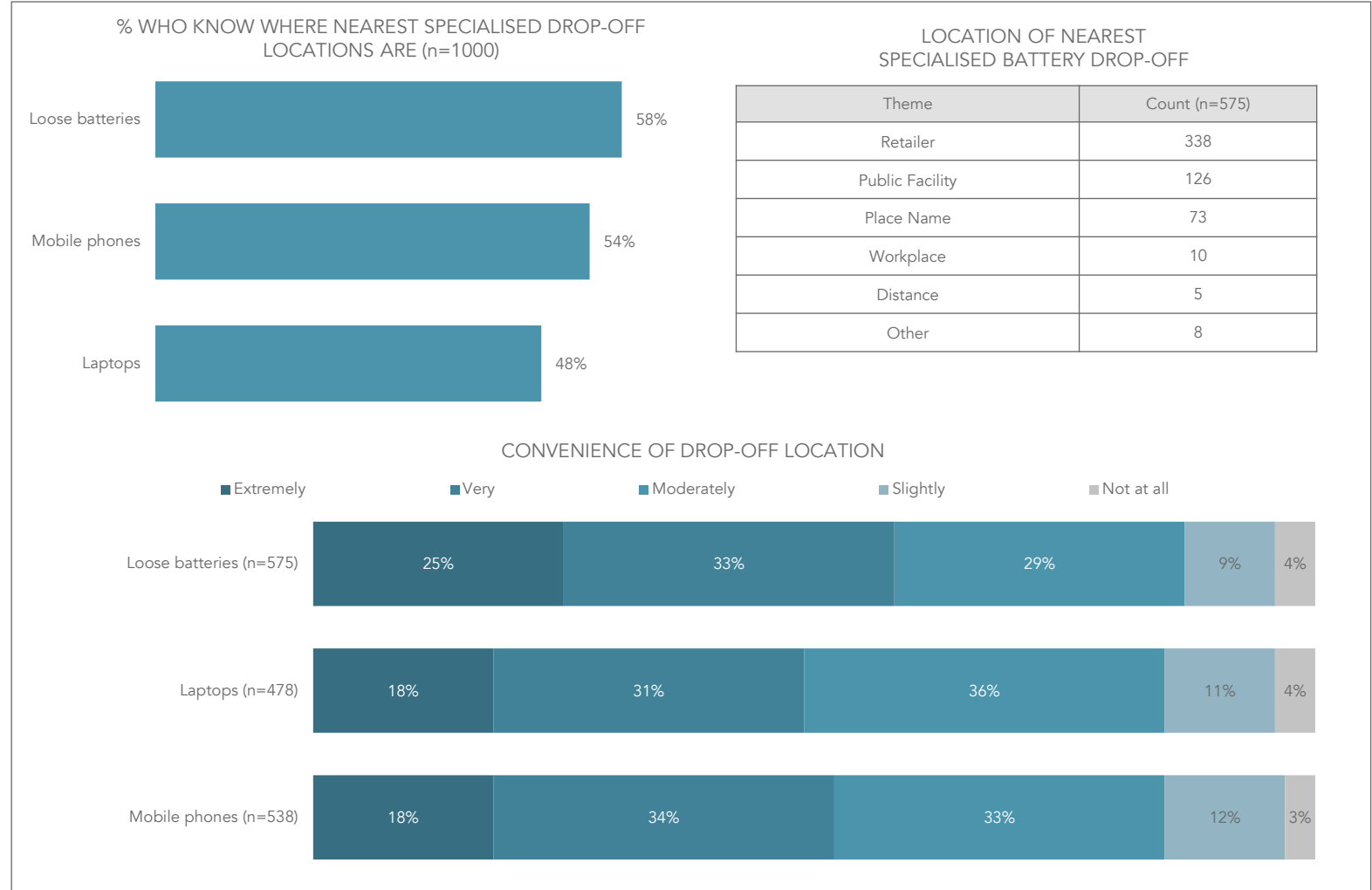


SPECIALISED DROP-OFF LOCATIONS

Around half of Australians know where their nearest specialised drop-off locations are, with that number being lower for laptops than batteries or mobile phones. Older Australians are more knowledgeable of disposal locations for all three items.

People generally find their drop-off location to be convenient, with over half of those who know where it is rating it very or extremely convenient to take batteries (58%), phones (52%), and laptops there (49%).

Those who knew were asked where their nearest specialised drop-off location for loose batteries was. Of these answers, 59% named retailers, and 22% named public facilities - mostly dedicated recycling centres, waste transfer stations, or tips, but some people take them to other local council buildings. Of those remaining, 13% just gave the name of the suburb or city (e.g. Artarmon, Sydney CBD), while 1% answered in terms of distance from their house (e.g. "3km from my house"), and 2% were able to dispose of batteries at their workplace.



SPECIALISED DROP-OFF LOCATIONS - RETAILERS

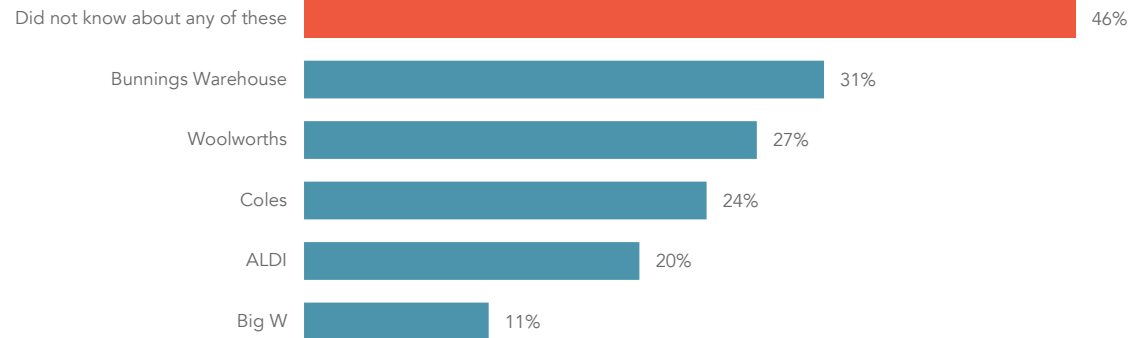
Retailers were the most common answer to the question of where people's nearest battery drop-off was. Of these, the most commonly named was Officeworks (17% of responses). This is an issue because Officeworks has stopped recycling batteries. Clearly this is not common knowledge yet.

Supermarkets were also mentioned often, with Aldi, Coles, and Woolworths frequently referenced, along with IGA, local supermarkets, and responses which did not specify the brand. Rounding out the list of commonly mentioned retailers were Bunnings and Battery World. Many people also reported taking their batteries to a dedicated bin at their local shopping centre, not in any specific retailer. Other retailers mentioned included Mitre 10, IKEA, Big W, and JB Hi Fi.

When the entire sample was asked whether they knew that a number of major retailers offered this service, the highest awareness was for Bunnings, with 31%. Nearly half of participants did not know about any of these services (46%). There were no differences in awareness between age groups.



% WHO KNOW THIS RETAILER WAS A SPECIALISED BATTERY DROP-OFF LOCATION (n=1000)



LOCATION OF NEAREST SPECIALISED BATTERY DROP-OFF – RETAILERS

Retailer	Count (n=575)
Officeworks	98
Aldi	57
Supermarket (general or other)	44
Bunnings	40
Coles	38
Shopping centre	29
Woolworths	25
Battery World	17
Other	26

OTHER COMMENTS ON BATTERY DISPOSAL

At the end of this section, participants were given the option of sharing anything else they wanted to say about disposing of batteries. A range of thoughts and opinions were shared, but some common themes emerged, the most prominent being that more needs to be done to spread awareness. In some cases, this meant awareness of the importance of disposing of batteries properly, the dangers, and how to dispose of them, while in other cases it was that retailers who offer the service need to promote it more.

Many people shared that they found disposing of batteries difficult, particularly for reasons of accessibility. People thought battery disposal should be more accessible, with more drop-off locations, and some even suggested kerbside disposal. Other suggestions given in this section include bigger slots for bigger batteries, incentives, education on the backs of battery packs, and having drop-off points at petrol stations.

Some people simply took the opportunity to affirm the importance of proper battery disposal, and that everyone should do it. A few mentioned that they dispose of them correctly, or how they do so, and more stressed how easy it is. A handful of people, however, were still confused, and had questions about disposal. More expressed that they had learned something from the survey or would change their behaviour going forward.



There needs to be more awareness put out there on social media etc. It is not common knowledge and I know a lot of people that just place them straight into the bin (general waste) - 30-34 year old Female

It would be easier if woolies had the disapple option more clearly signed, I've never seen it!! - 30-34 year old Female

I'm saving them up rather than putting them in general rubbish, but how are we meant to find out which "selected locations" of these retailers take them? Also, shouldn't local council be providing a cost-free facility for this purpose? - 65-69 year old Male

This is information that should be sent to each home, like they do with the phonebook, including instructions on how to recycle waste appropriately. At the moment, the attitude seems to just be "just google it" which can get confusing because it seems to differ by council area - 30-34 year old Female

Might be easier if curbside battery disposal was introduced. People love convenience and I have seen plenty of people throw out their batteries because they couldn't be bothered - 25-29 year old Female

There should be a drop off point at fuel stations as everyone stops for fuel - 45-49 year old Female

It's the right thing to do of course. maybe to make it more attractive to consumers by using the 10c model from plastic bottles or slimmer - 60-64 year old Male

There needs to be letter box drop offs for all households that can be put on the fridge etc. for better understanding - 45-49 year old Female

I had no idea about the previous drop-off points at places like Coles and woolies. I wish I knew about this because I would definitely use this because it is convenient - 30-34 year old Female

It's easy to drop off when you do your grocery shopping. Much safer and responsible thing to do as the alternatives have serious consequences - 70+ year old Female

I think its very important, I have never thrown batteries in the bin - 18-24 year old Male

Is it true that terminals must be covered with stick tape? - 70+ year old Female

I wanna know where I can dispose my vapes - 18-24 year old Female

It would be great if there were easy to access drop off locations closer to home - 45-49 year old Male



CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME



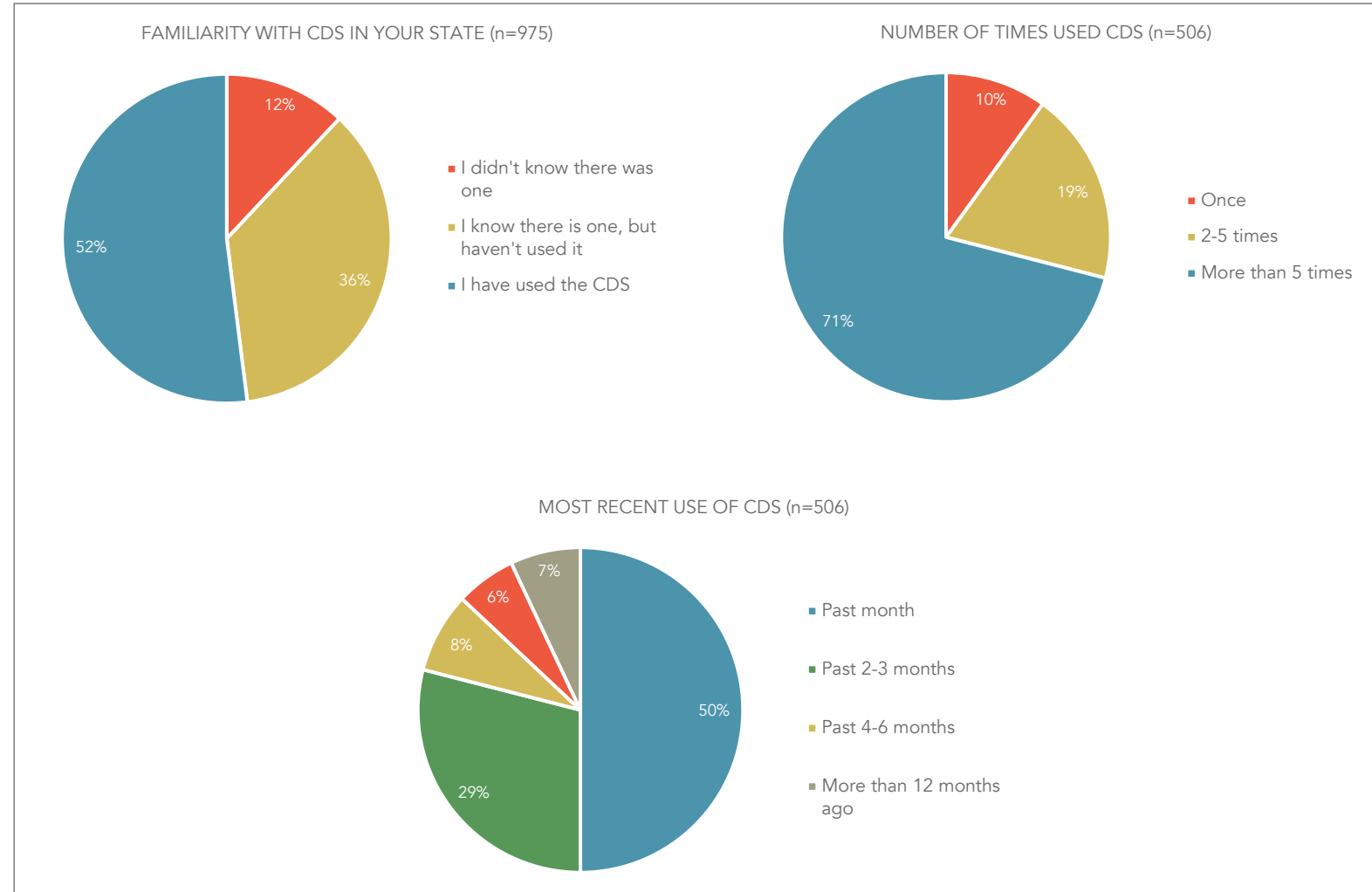
EXPERIENCE WITH CDS

Over half of Australians in states with Container Deposit Schemes have used them (52%), while only 12% did not know they existed. Knowledge and use of the CDS was associated with age, with younger Australians less likely to have used it, and older Australians more likely to know it existed.

South Australians are most likely to have used their state's CDS (71%), while Victorians are the least likely (28%), and by far the most likely to know there is one, but not have used it yet (57%). This makes sense, as Victoria's CDS has only just been introduced, so it has received media coverage, but not many have tried it out yet.

Of those who have ever used the CDS, most seem to be regular users: 71% have used it more than 5 times, and over three quarters have used it in the last 3 months (50% in the past month, 29% in the past 2-3 months). Younger people are less likely to have used the CDS within the past month (39%).

Again, South Australians are most likely to have used the CDS more than 5 times (89%), while Victorians are most likely to have used it fewer times (32% once, 36% 2-5 times) - a reflection of how long each state's scheme has been in place. Victorians are also the most likely to have used the CDS in the past month (73%), as people try out the new service.

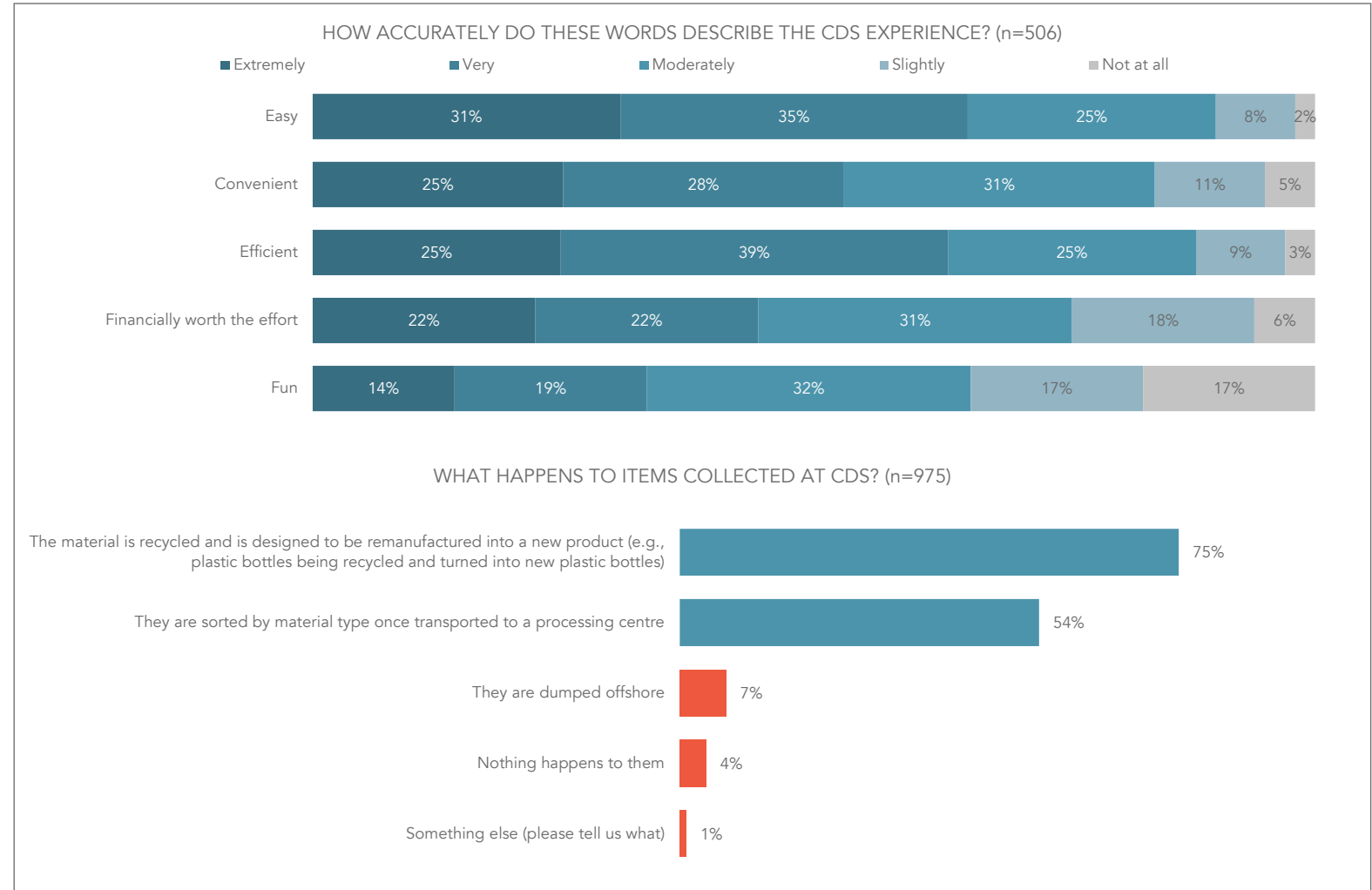


BELIEFS ABOUT CDS

People who have used their state's CDS find it quick and easy to use, with 66% finding 'easy' a very or extremely accurate descriptor of their experience, and 64% finding 'efficient' very or extremely accurate. CDS users are less likely to find the process fun (34% extremely/very) or financially worth the effort (44%). Victorians are most likely to find it fun (47%), possibly reflecting the novelty of the experience.

The majority of those living in states with a CDS correctly identified that materials collected there are recycled and designed to be remanufactured into a new product (75%), and that they are sorted by material type once transported to a processing centre (54%). Despite the previously identified doubts people have with the recycling system, people seem to believe CDS products are actually recycled, with only 4% of people thinking nothing happens to them, and 7% that they are dumped offshore.

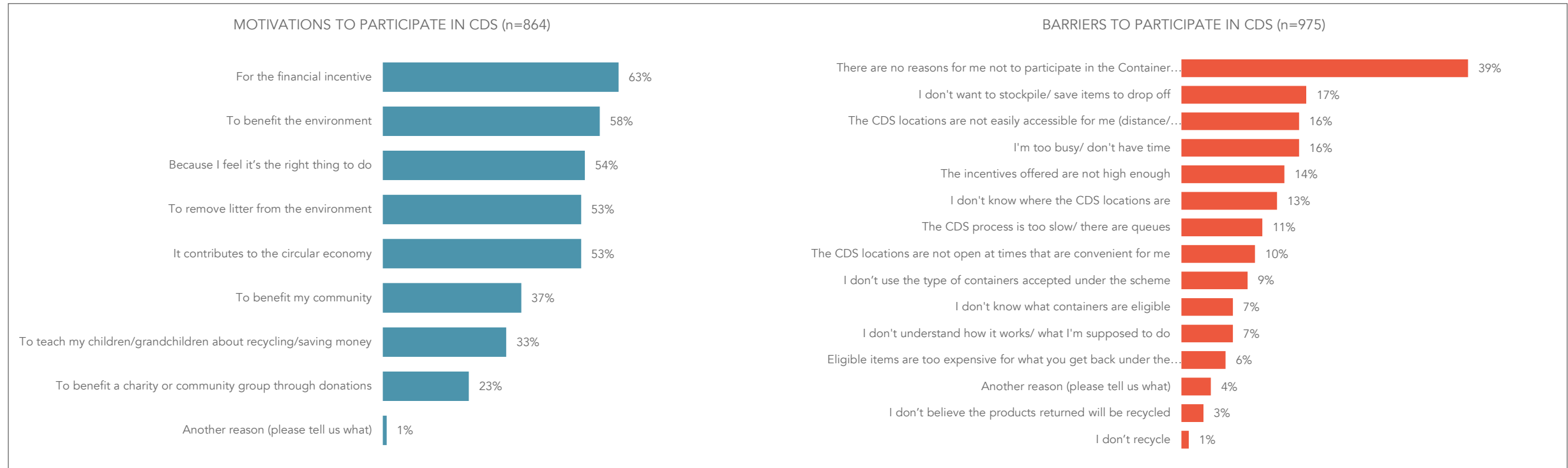
Australians aged 18-34 are more likely to believe CDS items are dumped offshore (13%), reflecting their higher levels of scepticism in the recycling system. Older Australians are more likely to correctly identify what happens to the items (80% selected the first option).



MOTIVATIONS AND BARRIERS TO USING CDS

Participants who had used the CDS before or were at least slightly likely to participate in the next 12 months were asked about their motivations to participate. The most common motivation is the financial incentive (63%). Moral and environmental justifications are also popular, with 58% motivated to benefit the environment, and 54% because it's the right thing to do. Older Australians are more likely to be motivated by doing the right thing, removing litter from the environment, contributing to the circular economy, and benefitting a charity. South Australians are more likely than those in other states to be motivated by the financial incentive (76%).

All participants in eligible states were asked about barriers to participating in the CDS. Over a third of people think that there are no reasons for them not to participate (39%). No single barrier was selected by more than 1 in 5 people, but some key themes do emerge. One is location accessibility, with 16% of people saying the CDS locations are not easily accessible, and 13% saying they don't know where they are. Time was another concern, with 16% of participants reporting being too busy, and 10% that the CDS locations are not open at convenient times. Younger Australians are more likely to cite being too busy (28%), while older Australians are more likely to say there were no reasons not to participate (55%), and midlife Australians more likely to have an issue with the queues (17%). Breaking it down by state, those in NSW are most likely to be too busy (23%), and Victorians the most likely to not know what containers are eligible (12%), while South Australians are most likely to believe there are no barriers (55%).

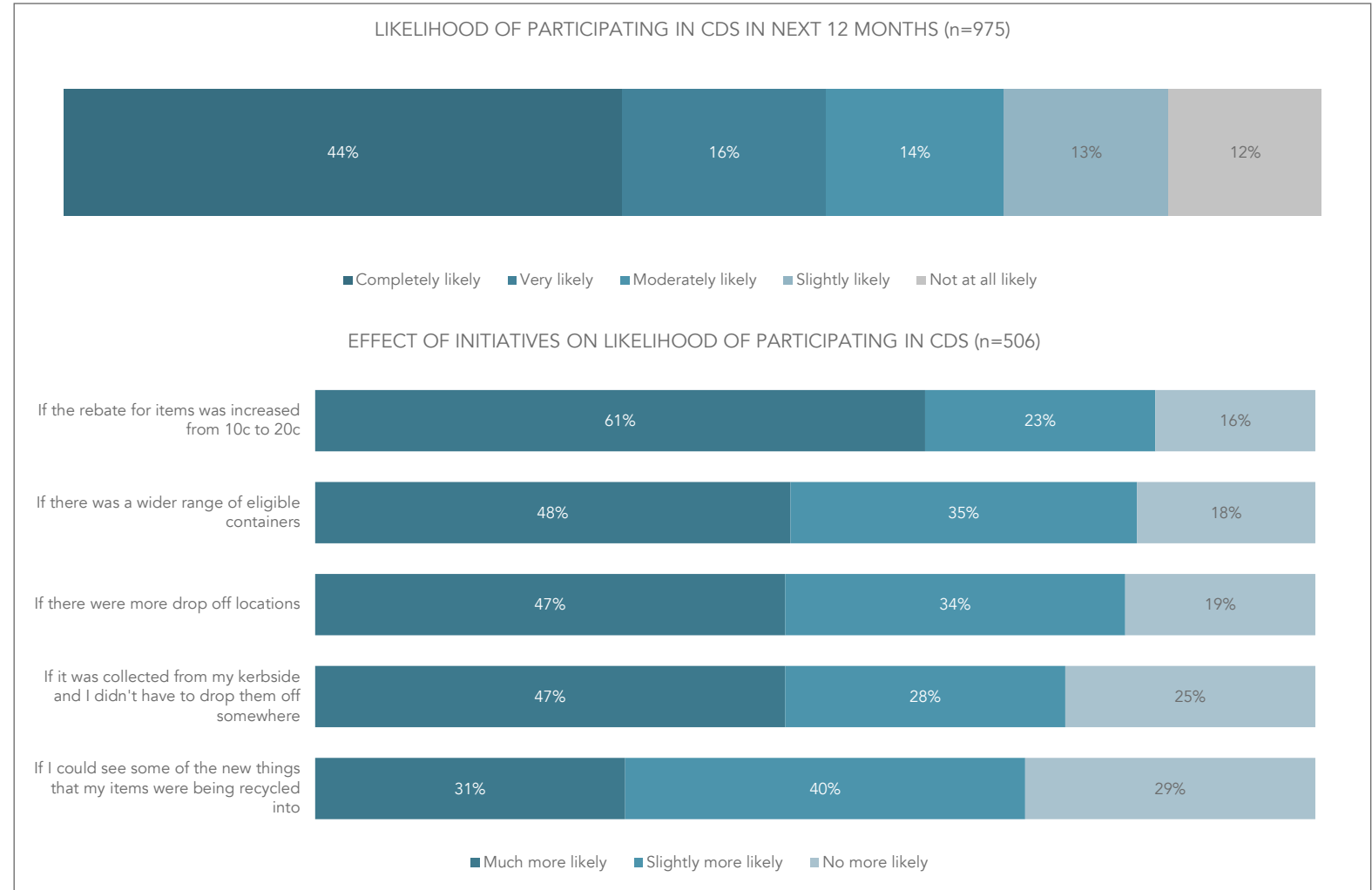


LIKELIHOOD OF FUTURE CDS PARTICIPATION

People in eligible states were asked how likely they were to participate in the CDS in the next year. The majority of Australians reported being completely or very likely to do so (60%), while only 12% said they were not at all likely. Contrary to other findings, older Australians were more likely than the two younger groups to say they were not at all likely to use the CDS (17%) - however, they also have the highest proportion of those who are completely likely to do so (50%), so it may simply be a case of being surer of their future actions, polarising the answers.

The initiative that would most convince Australians to participate in the CDS is increasing the rebate from 10 to 20 cents, with 61% of people saying this would make them much more likely to participate. A wider range of containers, more drop-off locations, and kerbside pickup would all be equally effective, with around half of people being much more likely to participate, while seeing what their items were being recycled into was the least impactful (31% much more likely).

Older Australians are less likely to be convinced by any of these changes - potentially due to being set in their ways, as seen in the 'not at all likely' proportion for H4, or potentially because more of them already use it.



FINAL COMMENTS

In their final (voluntary) comments at the conclusion of the survey, some participants gave suggestions for aspects of Australia's recycling system that could be improved. A number of them also discussed how this survey had been thought-provoking, taught them something, or would change their behaviour around recycling in the future.



SUGGESTIONS

I would like to see more education given in schools about what actually happens with the materials we recycle. My children and grandchildren all recycle but there is very little information available about what happens in recycling centres or manufacturing facilities using recyclables - 70+ year old Female

I wish things like wine bottles were added as I think they would be a good way to repurpose glass (in container scheme) - 30-34 year old Female

The 10c container deposit scheme was in use 20-30 years ago in some states. The 10c needs to be indexed more often to encourage financial incentives to recycle - 60-64 year old Male

With the Return and Earn scheme, I think we need to put more machines out there what can fit more room in some of the areas because the Cans and bottles are always full, I think having an Extra two can and bottle machine will help the loads - 25-29 year old Male

Leave more drop off containers at all major shopping centres throughout the territory - 35-39 year old Female

Local government should advise people what to do with their recycling - 40-44 year old Male

Curb side pick-up household waste should be introduced into all councils. Most people do not have Utes or trailers to take these bulkier items to the refuse centre - 35-39 year old Female

I would like to see an incentive program for recycling more food packaging products like tin cans and milk bottles - 30-34 year old Female

INFORMATIVE

This survey has inspired me to recycle more! Thank you! - 25-29 year old Female

Great survey, certainly makes me rethink my recycling beliefs - 60-65 year old Female

This survey gave me a lot of useful information about recycling - 40-44 year old Female

This was a real test of what we do. It makes you think & reinforces the need to sustainability & recycling - 70+ year old Male



APPENDIX A: SURVEY DATA TABLES





SECTION 1:
DEMOGRAPHICS
AND
CLASSIFICATION



GENDER

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Male	504	108	200	196	504	0	158	152	80	46	48	20	360	144
Female	490	172	139	179	0	490	144	105	108	61	30	42	330	160
Non-binary	4	1	3	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	0	0	2	2
Something else	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Prefer not to say	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	1
Male	50%	38%	58%	52%	100%	0%	52%	58%	42%	43%	62%	32%	52%	47%
Female	49%	61%	40%	48%	0%	100%	48%	40%	57%	57%	38%	68%	48%	52%
Non-binary	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
Something else	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Prefer not to say	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

AGE

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
18-24	47	47	0	0	16	31	14	13	10	6	3	1	34	13
25-29	94	94	0	0	35	59	33	26	19	6	6	4	76	18
30-34	140	140	0	0	57	82	44	41	22	15	6	12	113	27
35-39	97	0	97	0	58	38	20	37	15	7	5	13	68	29
40-44	99	0	99	0	59	39	33	28	11	9	8	10	68	31
45-49	69	0	69	0	41	27	24	20	11	8	6	0	46	23
50-54	79	0	79	0	42	35	25	18	16	7	6	7	46	33
55-59	92	0	0	92	38	54	27	20	19	10	11	5	61	31
60-64	82	0	0	82	40	42	28	16	15	12	8	3	54	28
65-69	87	0	0	87	45	42	26	20	20	8	10	3	55	32
70+	114	0	0	114	73	41	29	22	31	19	9	4	72	42
18-24	5%	17%	0%	0%	3%	6%	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	2%	5%	4%
25-29	9%	33%	0%	0%	7%	12%	11%	10%	10%	6%	8%	6%	11%	6%
30-34	14%	50%	0%	0%	11%	17%	15%	16%	12%	14%	8%	19%	16%	9%
35-39	10%	0%	28%	0%	12%	8%	7%	14%	8%	7%	6%	21%	10%	9%
40-44	10%	0%	29%	0%	12%	8%	11%	11%	6%	8%	10%	16%	10%	10%
45-49	7%	0%	20%	0%	8%	6%	8%	8%	6%	7%	8%	0%	7%	7%
50-54	8%	0%	23%	0%	8%	7%	8%	7%	8%	7%	8%	11%	7%	11%
55-59	9%	0%	0%	25%	8%	11%	9%	8%	10%	9%	14%	8%	9%	10%
60-64	8%	0%	0%	22%	8%	9%	9%	6%	8%	11%	10%	5%	8%	9%
65-69	9%	0%	0%	23%	9%	9%	9%	8%	11%	7%	13%	5%	8%	10%
70+	11%	0%	0%	30%	14%	8%	10%	8%	16%	18%	12%	6%	10%	14%

STATE/TERRITORY

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
NSW	303	91	102	110	158	144	303	0	0	0	0	0	218	85
VIC	261	80	103	78	152	105	0	261	0	0	0	0	189	72
QLD	189	51	53	85	80	108	0	0	189	0	0	0	87	102
WA	107	27	31	49	46	61	0	0	0	107	0	0	95	12
SA	78	15	25	38	48	30	0	0	0	0	78	0	58	20
TAS	25	5	14	6	12	13	0	0	0	0	0	25	11	14
ACT	25	8	10	7	8	17	0	0	0	0	0	25	24	1
NT	12	4	6	2	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	12	11	1
NSW	30%	32%	30%	29%	31%	29%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	31%	28%
VIC	26%	28%	30%	21%	30%	21%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	0%	27%	23%
QLD	19%	18%	15%	23%	16%	22%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	0%	13%	33%
WA	11%	10%	9%	13%	9%	12%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	0%	14%	4%
SA	8%	5%	7%	10%	10%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%	8%	7%
TAS	3%	2%	4%	2%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	2%	5%
ACT	3%	3%	3%	2%	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	40%	3%	0%
NT	1%	1%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	19%	2%	0%

AREA LIVE

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Capital city	693	223	228	242	360	330	218	189	87	95	58	46	693	0
Large city or town	178	40	67	71	100	75	49	37	71	5	7	9	0	178
Regional or remote area	129	18	49	62	44	85	36	35	31	7	13	7	0	129
Capital city	69%	79%	66%	65%	71%	67%	72%	72%	46%	89%	74%	74%	100%	0%
Large city or town	18%	14%	19%	19%	20%	15%	16%	14%	38%	5%	9%	15%	0%	58%
Regional or remote area	13%	6%	14%	17%	9%	17%	12%	13%	16%	7%	17%	11%	0%	42%

CURRENT LIVING ARRANGEMENTS

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Living alone	212	52	55	105	99	112	57	63	42	22	13	15	153	59
Living in a share house	63	41	10	12	35	28	12	19	12	8	10	2	48	15
Living with parents	57	42	13	2	29	28	25	15	6	6	4	1	44	13
Living with a partner, no children	286	67	53	166	143	143	84	55	65	38	28	16	185	101
Living with children and no partner	67	12	39	16	19	48	22	19	9	5	6	6	36	31
Living with a partner and children	304	65	170	69	177	123	98	90	50	28	16	22	220	84
Another arrangement	11	2	4	5	2	8	5	0	5	0	1	0	7	4
Living alone	21%	19%	16%	28%	20%	23%	19%	24%	22%	21%	17%	24%	22%	19%
Living in a share house	6%	15%	3%	3%	7%	6%	4%	7%	6%	7%	13%	3%	7%	5%
Living with parents	6%	15%	4%	1%	6%	6%	8%	6%	3%	6%	5%	2%	6%	4%
Living with a partner, no children	29%	24%	15%	44%	28%	29%	28%	21%	34%	36%	36%	26%	27%	33%
Living with children and no partner	7%	4%	11%	4%	4%	10%	7%	7%	5%	5%	8%	10%	5%	10%
Living with a partner and children	30%	23%	49%	18%	35%	25%	32%	34%	26%	26%	21%	35%	32%	27%
Another arrangement	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	0%	3%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%



SECTION A1: RECYCLING ACCESS



BUILDING TYPE LIVE IN

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Free-standing house	66%	57%	67%	73%	66%	66%	59%	68%	68%	71%	76%	66%	61%	78%
Semi-detached, row or terrace house, townhouse	12%	14%	13%	9%	12%	11%	13%	9%	13%	11%	12%	13%	13%	8%
Apartment, flat or unit	21%	29%	20%	17%	21%	22%	27%	22%	18%	18%	10%	21%	26%	11%
Other	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	0%	2%

TYPES OF BINS PROVIDED TO HOUSEHOLD

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
A general waste bin	Yes	98%	97%	98%	97%	96%	99%	97%	99%	98%	96%	96%	97%	98%	97%
	No	3%	3%	2%	3%	4%	1%	3%	1%	2%	4%	4%	3%	2%	3%
A mixed recycling bin for paper/cardboard, plastic, aluminium and steel cans	Yes	89%	84%	93%	89%	89%	89%	87%	92%	89%	90%	83%	92%	90%	86%
	No	11%	16%	7%	11%	11%	11%	13%	8%	11%	10%	17%	8%	10%	14%
A separate bin for food organics and garden organics (FOGO)	Yes	35%	41%	33%	33%	36%	34%	37%	48%	15%	28%	50%	29%	36%	34%
	No	65%	59%	67%	67%	64%	66%	63%	52%	85%	72%	50%	71%	64%	66%
A separate bin for just garden organics	Yes	45%	40%	51%	43%	44%	45%	54%	43%	30%	50%	51%	35%	46%	41%
	No	55%	60%	49%	57%	56%	55%	46%	57%	70%	50%	49%	65%	54%	59%
A separate bin for just food organics	Yes	18%	26%	19%	11%	20%	16%	20%	21%	10%	19%	23%	8%	19%	14%
	No	82%	74%	81%	89%	80%	84%	80%	79%	90%	81%	77%	92%	81%	86%
A separate bin for glass	Yes	15%	22%	13%	12%	14%	16%	18%	20%	12%	9%	9%	10%	16%	14%
	No	85%	78%	88%	88%	86%	84%	82%	80%	88%	91%	91%	90%	84%	86%
A separate bin for paper and cardboard only	Yes	26%	37%	24%	19%	25%	26%	35%	26%	19%	18%	23%	15%	27%	22%
	No	74%	63%	76%	81%	75%	74%	65%	74%	81%	82%	77%	85%	73%	78%
A separate bin for electronic waste (i.e., anything with a plug)	Yes	8%	18%	6%	1%	8%	8%	11%	7%	6%	8%	4%	5%	9%	4%
	No	92%	82%	94%	99%	92%	92%	89%	93%	94%	92%	96%	95%	91%	96%

SATISFACTION WITH YOUR ACCESS TO WASTE MANAGEMENT OPTIONS

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Very satisfied	21%	15%	17%	29%	25%	17%	19%	23%	17%	25%	26%	18%	21%	20%
Somewhat satisfied	46%	48%	45%	44%	49%	42%	46%	48%	44%	48%	47%	31%	48%	40%
Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied	16%	19%	17%	14%	15%	17%	15%	18%	17%	10%	21%	16%	16%	17%
Somewhat dissatisfied	14%	14%	18%	10%	10%	18%	16%	9%	17%	15%	6%	26%	12%	19%
Very dissatisfied	4%	4%	3%	3%	2%	5%	4%	2%	4%	2%	0%	10%	3%	5%
TOTAL SATISFIED	66%	64%	62%	73%	73%	59%	65%	71%	61%	73%	73%	48%	69%	60%
TOTAL DISSATISFIED	18%	18%	22%	14%	12%	24%	20%	11%	22%	17%	6%	35%	15%	23%

COMPOST ANY FOOD WASTE

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Yes, I put food waste in a FOGO bin	23%	31%	24%	17%	25%	21%	24%	35%	7%	18%	29%	24%	26%	18%
Yes, I have my own composting bin and/or worm farm that I use to make compost	29%	28%	31%	28%	29%	28%	28%	29%	32%	21%	37%	27%	27%	35%
No	50%	46%	47%	56%	48%	52%	51%	39%	61%	64%	36%	48%	50%	49%

REASONS WHY DON'T COMPOST ANY FOOD WASTE

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	499	129	161	209	241	257	154	102	116	69	28	30	349	150
I don't have access to FOGO kerbside services	45%	49%	41%	46%	43%	47%	46%	43%	42%	55%	36%	43%	47%	40%
I don't know how to	29%	37%	35%	18%	25%	32%	32%	25%	28%	25%	36%	33%	30%	27%
It's too hard/inconvenient	32%	33%	37%	28%	35%	30%	37%	35%	29%	28%	29%	27%	34%	29%
It's unpleasant	13%	16%	13%	10%	13%	12%	14%	15%	11%	13%	7%	7%	15%	8%
I just don't want to	10%	9%	11%	11%	12%	9%	9%	11%	15%	9%	7%	7%	11%	9%
Another reason (please specify)	13%	10%	6%	21%	11%	15%	8%	15%	14%	13%	14%	27%	11%	19%



SECTION B:
GENERAL
ATTITUDES TO
ENVIRONMENT AND
RECYCLING



RATING SELF AS A RECYCLER

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
A very good recycler	24%	17%	21%	33%	24%	24%	25%	26%	20%	23%	23%	26%	23%	27%
A good recycler	57%	62%	60%	51%	57%	57%	56%	61%	56%	55%	49%	61%	58%	54%
Neither good nor poor recycler	14%	15%	14%	13%	13%	14%	14%	9%	21%	12%	19%	11%	13%	15%
A poor recycler	4%	5%	4%	3%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	7%	5%	2%	4%	2%
A very poor recycler	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	4%	0%	1%	1%
TOTAL GOOD	81%	79%	81%	84%	82%	81%	82%	87%	76%	79%	72%	87%	81%	81%
TOTAL POOR	5%	6%	5%	4%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	9%	9%	2%	5%	3%

ATTITUDES TO RECYCLING

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA		
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro	
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307	
Recycling is important	Strongly agree	53%	50%	54%	55%	51%	55%	55%	53%	52%	54%	50%	55%	54%	52%	
	Agree	40%	43%	38%	38%	41%	38%	39%	40%	42%	39%	38%	35%	40%	39%	
	Neither agree nor disagree	5%	5%	5%	5%	6%	4%	4%	4%	3%	6%	9%	8%	4%	6%	
	Disagree	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	0%	2%	1%	1%
	Strongly disagree	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Recycling is confusing	Strongly agree	4%	7%	4%	2%	3%	6%	5%	3%	2%	7%	6%	5%	5%	3%	
	Agree	24%	28%	23%	21%	22%	26%	23%	21%	20%	28%	35%	29%	26%	20%	
	Neither agree nor disagree	22%	21%	26%	19%	23%	20%	21%	25%	22%	21%	14%	24%	22%	22%	
	Disagree	37%	29%	37%	43%	39%	35%	33%	40%	41%	37%	32%	37%	35%	41%	
	Strongly disagree	13%	15%	10%	14%	13%	13%	17%	11%	15%	7%	13%	5%	12%	15%	
It is hard to find clear instructions about how to recycle	Strongly agree	7%	9%	8%	5%	7%	8%	7%	6%	6%	11%	9%	5%	8%	5%	
	Agree	28%	33%	32%	21%	25%	32%	29%	23%	28%	35%	27%	37%	28%	29%	
	Neither agree nor disagree	24%	23%	25%	25%	27%	22%	24%	26%	22%	17%	27%	34%	24%	24%	
	Disagree	32%	27%	29%	38%	33%	30%	30%	35%	34%	28%	32%	19%	31%	32%	
	Strongly disagree	9%	8%	7%	12%	10%	9%	10%	10%	10%	9%	5%	5%	9%	10%	
Recycling is too much effort	Strongly agree	3%	4%	2%	2%	3%	2%	3%	2%	2%	6%	3%	2%	3%	2%	
	Agree	10%	16%	11%	4%	10%	10%	10%	12%	6%	11%	9%	10%	11%	8%	
	Neither agree nor disagree	18%	19%	20%	14%	17%	19%	19%	15%	17%	16%	21%	23%	16%	20%	
	Disagree	42%	41%	44%	42%	43%	41%	41%	40%	49%	40%	41%	40%	43%	41%	
	Strongly disagree	28%	21%	24%	37%	28%	28%	27%	31%	26%	27%	27%	26%	27%	30%	

ATTITUDES TO RECYCLING (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
There is no point to recycling	Strongly agree	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%
	Agree	4%	9%	3%	2%	5%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	6%	0%	4%	4%
	Neither agree nor disagree	12%	12%	13%	11%	10%	13%	10%	16%	10%	13%	13%	8%	12%	12%
	Disagree	37%	35%	39%	37%	37%	38%	35%	36%	41%	37%	32%	45%	36%	40%
	Strongly disagree	45%	41%	44%	49%	46%	44%	49%	44%	43%	42%	47%	45%	46%	42%
It is the council's responsibility to sort through waste to ensure items are properly recycled	Strongly agree	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	4%	8%	6%	4%	7%	5%	2%	6%	7%
	Agree	23%	33%	21%	17%	22%	23%	27%	20%	23%	22%	19%	21%	24%	20%
	Neither agree nor disagree	30%	31%	31%	29%	30%	31%	27%	29%	29%	34%	32%	40%	31%	28%
	Disagree	31%	22%	34%	34%	32%	30%	30%	33%	30%	27%	37%	29%	30%	33%
	Strongly disagree	10%	7%	8%	15%	9%	12%	8%	13%	13%	9%	6%	8%	9%	13%
You can just put everything in the recycling bin and it will get sorted out at the recycling facility	Strongly agree	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	7%	3%	6%	4%	2%
	Agree	12%	20%	10%	8%	13%	12%	14%	13%	14%	9%	8%	5%	13%	10%
	Neither agree nor disagree	18%	15%	23%	17%	21%	15%	20%	16%	16%	17%	23%	19%	17%	21%
	Disagree	38%	37%	38%	38%	37%	39%	34%	39%	36%	42%	42%	47%	39%	36%
	Strongly disagree	28%	22%	26%	34%	27%	29%	27%	30%	31%	25%	24%	23%	26%	31%
I don't trust that my recycling will be properly recycled	Strongly agree	10%	10%	10%	9%	9%	11%	11%	7%	12%	10%	17%	3%	10%	10%
	Agree	31%	33%	29%	32%	30%	33%	33%	35%	28%	30%	22%	32%	33%	28%
	Neither agree nor disagree	34%	30%	36%	34%	33%	34%	29%	33%	33%	39%	37%	44%	32%	37%
	Disagree	20%	20%	21%	20%	22%	19%	21%	21%	23%	17%	17%	16%	20%	21%
	Strongly disagree	5%	6%	5%	4%	6%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	8%	5%	5%	4%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
It all goes to landfill anyway	Strongly agree	4%	5%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%
	Agree	14%	20%	13%	11%	12%	17%	14%	12%	16%	16%	21%	8%	15%	12%
	Neither agree nor disagree	30%	28%	29%	31%	29%	31%	27%	28%	30%	32%	32%	44%	30%	31%
	Disagree	39%	36%	39%	40%	42%	35%	40%	41%	39%	39%	35%	31%	39%	38%
	Strongly disagree	14%	10%	15%	15%	14%	13%	15%	16%	12%	10%	10%	13%	13%	16%
Recycling alone is not enough to deal with the waste our society generates	Strongly agree	24%	26%	23%	24%	23%	26%	24%	26%	25%	21%	23%	24%	24%	26%
	Agree	47%	46%	49%	46%	48%	46%	46%	47%	46%	49%	42%	58%	47%	46%
	Neither agree nor disagree	20%	19%	19%	21%	19%	20%	22%	18%	19%	21%	21%	13%	19%	21%
	Disagree	8%	8%	6%	8%	8%	7%	6%	9%	8%	8%	9%	5%	9%	5%
	Strongly disagree	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	2%	0%	5%	1%	2%
It is hard for me to get everything that should be recycled to the right place for recycling	Strongly agree	7%	9%	6%	6%	6%	9%	8%	5%	5%	15%	5%	8%	7%	7%
	Agree	30%	35%	32%	24%	29%	30%	30%	28%	26%	34%	32%	34%	31%	26%
	Neither agree nor disagree	25%	25%	30%	20%	25%	24%	24%	23%	27%	23%	27%	27%	23%	27%
	Disagree	29%	26%	25%	35%	29%	29%	27%	36%	33%	21%	23%	23%	28%	31%
	Strongly disagree	10%	5%	7%	15%	11%	8%	11%	8%	9%	7%	13%	8%	10%	9%
Recycling correctly is easy	Strongly agree	18%	16%	15%	21%	17%	18%	19%	16%	23%	12%	15%	16%	16%	22%
	Agree	47%	46%	45%	50%	49%	45%	47%	50%	49%	46%	42%	40%	47%	48%
	Neither agree nor disagree	22%	22%	26%	17%	22%	21%	19%	21%	16%	27%	29%	31%	22%	20%
	Disagree	12%	14%	12%	9%	10%	13%	12%	11%	11%	12%	10%	11%	13%	9%
	Strongly disagree	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	3%	0%

ATTITUDES TO RECYCLING (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
There should be national consistency in recycling standards	Strongly agree	38%	36%	36%	42%	38%	39%	40%	39%	32%	34%	42%	47%	39%	37%
	Agree	49%	48%	51%	47%	50%	49%	49%	49%	51%	51%	47%	42%	49%	48%
	Neither agree nor disagree	10%	11%	11%	9%	11%	9%	9%	8%	14%	12%	10%	11%	9%	12%
	Disagree	2%	4%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%
	Strongly disagree	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%
I would recycle more items if I had a bigger recycling bin	Strongly agree	16%	21%	18%	9%	13%	18%	16%	15%	19%	11%	13%	16%	15%	18%
	Agree	28%	28%	35%	21%	27%	29%	32%	30%	22%	19%	21%	45%	29%	25%
	Neither agree nor disagree	26%	25%	24%	30%	29%	23%	29%	20%	29%	32%	32%	16%	25%	29%
	Disagree	23%	22%	19%	29%	22%	25%	19%	27%	23%	31%	26%	18%	24%	22%
	Strongly disagree	7%	4%	5%	11%	8%	6%	5%	8%	8%	7%	9%	5%	7%	6%

ATTITUDES TO RECYCLING (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Recycling is important	TOTAL AGREE	93%	93%	92%	93%	92%	94%	94%	93%	94%	93%	88%	90%	94%	91%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	2%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%
Recycling is confusing	TOTAL AGREE	28%	35%	27%	23%	25%	32%	28%	24%	22%	35%	41%	34%	30%	22%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	50%	44%	47%	57%	52%	48%	50%	51%	56%	45%	45%	42%	48%	55%
It is hard to find clear instructions about how to recycle	TOTAL AGREE	35%	43%	40%	26%	31%	39%	36%	29%	34%	46%	36%	42%	36%	33%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	41%	35%	36%	50%	42%	39%	40%	45%	44%	37%	37%	24%	40%	42%
Recycling is too much effort	TOTAL AGREE	12%	20%	13%	7%	13%	12%	13%	14%	8%	17%	12%	11%	14%	10%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	70%	62%	67%	79%	70%	69%	68%	72%	75%	67%	68%	66%	70%	70%
There is no point to recycling	TOTAL AGREE	6%	12%	4%	2%	7%	5%	7%	5%	6%	7%	8%	2%	6%	6%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	82%	75%	83%	87%	83%	82%	83%	80%	84%	79%	79%	90%	82%	82%
It is the council's responsibility to sort through waste to ensure items are properly recycled	TOTAL AGREE	29%	40%	27%	22%	30%	28%	35%	26%	28%	30%	24%	23%	30%	26%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	41%	29%	42%	49%	40%	42%	38%	45%	43%	36%	44%	37%	39%	46%
You can just put everything in the recycling bin and it will get sorted out at the recycling facility	TOTAL AGREE	16%	26%	13%	11%	16%	16%	18%	16%	16%	16%	10%	11%	18%	12%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	66%	59%	64%	73%	63%	69%	61%	68%	67%	67%	67%	69%	66%	66%
I don't trust that my recycling will be properly recycled	TOTAL AGREE	41%	44%	39%	41%	39%	44%	44%	41%	40%	40%	38%	35%	43%	38%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	25%	26%	25%	25%	28%	22%	27%	26%	26%	21%	24%	21%	25%	25%
It all goes to landfill anyway	TOTAL AGREE	18%	25%	16%	14%	14%	21%	18%	15%	20%	19%	23%	13%	18%	16%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	53%	47%	55%	55%	56%	48%	55%	57%	51%	50%	45%	44%	52%	53%
Recycling alone is not enough to deal with the waste our society generates	TOTAL AGREE	71%	72%	72%	70%	71%	72%	70%	73%	71%	70%	65%	82%	71%	72%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	9%	9%	9%	10%	10%	8%	8%	10%	10%	8%	14%	5%	10%	7%
It is hard for me to get everything that should be recycled to the right place for recycling	TOTAL AGREE	37%	44%	38%	30%	35%	39%	38%	33%	31%	49%	37%	42%	39%	33%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	39%	31%	32%	50%	40%	37%	38%	44%	42%	28%	36%	31%	38%	40%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Recycling correctly is easy	TOTAL AGREE	65%	63%	60%	71%	66%	64%	66%	66%	72%	58%	58%	56%	63%	70%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	13%	15%	14%	12%	12%	15%	14%	13%	12%	15%	13%	13%	15%	9%
There should be national consistency in recycling standards	TOTAL AGREE	87%	84%	87%	90%	87%	87%	89%	88%	84%	85%	90%	89%	88%	85%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	3%	5%	2%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	3%	3%	0%	0%	2%	3%
I would recycle more items if I had a bigger recycling bin	TOTAL AGREE	44%	49%	53%	31%	40%	46%	48%	45%	40%	30%	33%	61%	44%	43%
	TOTAL DISAGREE	30%	26%	24%	39%	30%	30%	23%	35%	31%	38%	35%	23%	31%	28%

MOTIVATIONS TO RECYCLE

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
To reduce the amount of waste that goes to landfill	73%	60%	72%	83%	70%	76%	68%	73%	74%	83%	69%	76%	71%	78%
It's the right thing to do	74%	68%	73%	79%	71%	76%	73%	72%	78%	74%	72%	76%	72%	78%
It's part of being a responsible member of society	61%	50%	61%	71%	58%	65%	61%	56%	69%	64%	53%	69%	60%	64%
To help the environment	75%	69%	75%	78%	71%	78%	76%	69%	78%	79%	71%	79%	74%	76%
To preserve natural resources used to make new items	54%	47%	51%	62%	52%	56%	51%	53%	53%	63%	54%	61%	53%	56%
To contribute to a better future for all	61%	56%	61%	66%	58%	65%	61%	61%	63%	64%	51%	71%	60%	64%
To support local supply chains and Australian industry	29%	23%	27%	36%	31%	27%	25%	31%	31%	31%	26%	40%	28%	32%
To reduce my environmental footprint	61%	55%	61%	64%	59%	63%	57%	56%	63%	71%	59%	68%	60%	62%
Other (please specify)	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
I don't recycle	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	4%	0%	1%	1%

MOTIVATIONS TO HELP YOU TO RECYCLE MORE

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Clearer/ more consistent information	37%	37%	35%	39%	33%	41%	39%	33%	31%	48%	36%	48%	39%	33%
If it was easier	20%	26%	22%	14%	24%	17%	20%	21%	15%	26%	21%	19%	22%	17%
Incentives to do so (e.g., vouchers, refunds for items recycled)	40%	47%	46%	29%	38%	42%	38%	45%	37%	38%	37%	44%	42%	36%
Bigger recycling bins	32%	31%	39%	25%	31%	33%	34%	30%	32%	26%	35%	37%	31%	34%
Access to home recycling bins for specific materials	35%	32%	39%	34%	33%	37%	37%	33%	32%	36%	35%	44%	34%	38%
Clearer product labelling	40%	35%	42%	42%	37%	43%	41%	43%	35%	36%	41%	40%	42%	36%
If I had proof my items were actually being recycled	33%	32%	33%	34%	31%	36%	36%	33%	30%	33%	32%	34%	34%	31%
If I could see what happens to items after recycling	29%	30%	30%	26%	28%	30%	32%	27%	26%	26%	28%	32%	30%	25%
If I had more time	9%	16%	10%	3%	11%	7%	11%	7%	7%	10%	8%	8%	9%	8%
If I had more storage space at home	17%	23%	20%	8%	17%	17%	16%	15%	16%	17%	19%	24%	18%	14%
If recyclable items could be picked up from my home rather than having to be taken to a drop-off point	26%	26%	27%	26%	22%	30%	25%	27%	27%	35%	17%	26%	26%	27%
More frequent recycling collection e.g., weekly rather than fortnightly	28%	29%	32%	23%	24%	32%	28%	29%	29%	24%	21%	39%	28%	28%
Other (please specify)	2%	1%	1%	3%	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%
Nothing would motivate me to recycle more	8%	4%	5%	13%	9%	6%	6%	7%	9%	10%	6%	10%	7%	8%

BIGGEST BARRIERS WITHIN TODAY'S SOCIETY TO RECYCLING

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Responsibility for recycling being pushed onto individuals rather than industry	42%	42%	42%	42%	39%	44%	41%	43%	38%	48%	42%	42%	44%	38%
Our values as a society	34%	33%	33%	34%	35%	31%	29%	36%	38%	27%	40%	40%	32%	37%
The cost of establishing appropriate recycling infrastructure	42%	33%	42%	49%	43%	41%	43%	43%	38%	44%	40%	52%	41%	45%
The lack of appropriate recycling infrastructure	49%	43%	51%	51%	50%	48%	48%	51%	46%	50%	41%	58%	51%	43%
The cost to produce more sustainable items	40%	42%	42%	37%	38%	41%	43%	36%	46%	37%	33%	35%	39%	41%
Lack of trust in the recycling process	49%	40%	49%	56%	47%	51%	47%	49%	53%	49%	44%	58%	51%	47%
Other barrier (please specify)	4%	2%	3%	6%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	6%	8%	2%	4%	3%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Batteries	Very easy	15%	14%	11%	19%	15%	15%	14%	14%	16%	13%	23%	13%	13%	19%
	Somewhat easy	26%	29%	26%	24%	25%	27%	24%	30%	27%	21%	24%	26%	26%	26%
	Somewhat difficult	32%	31%	34%	32%	35%	30%	35%	31%	25%	44%	32%	29%	34%	29%
	Very difficult	19%	17%	21%	19%	20%	19%	21%	18%	21%	17%	9%	24%	19%	20%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	7%	9%	7%	6%	6%	9%	5%	7%	11%	5%	12%	8%	8%	7%
Soft plastics (e.g., single use plastic bags)	Very easy	27%	25%	27%	28%	28%	26%	25%	32%	27%	22%	28%	23%	26%	29%
	Somewhat easy	26%	30%	30%	19%	29%	23%	29%	28%	23%	23%	23%	18%	26%	27%
	Somewhat difficult	21%	20%	20%	22%	20%	21%	20%	16%	25%	24%	17%	31%	20%	22%
	Very difficult	19%	19%	16%	22%	17%	21%	19%	17%	14%	24%	24%	24%	21%	15%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	7%	6%	7%	9%	6%	9%	6%	7%	11%	6%	8%	5%	7%	7%
Hard plastics (e.g., milk bottles)	Very easy	57%	51%	55%	63%	54%	59%	50%	64%	61%	50%	62%	53%	56%	59%
	Somewhat easy	33%	34%	35%	30%	33%	32%	36%	30%	28%	38%	29%	37%	34%	30%
	Somewhat difficult	7%	9%	7%	5%	8%	6%	10%	4%	6%	5%	8%	6%	7%	7%
	Very difficult	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	0%	2%	2%	1%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	3%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%
Paper and cardboard	Very easy	70%	68%	66%	75%	67%	73%	69%	73%	70%	64%	77%	65%	70%	70%
	Somewhat easy	24%	22%	28%	22%	27%	22%	25%	23%	22%	28%	19%	31%	24%	24%
	Somewhat difficult	4%	7%	5%	2%	4%	4%	5%	3%	6%	5%	1%	5%	4%	4%
	Very difficult	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Confidential documents	Very easy	29%	29%	25%	34%	30%	29%	30%	32%	28%	27%	32%	23%	28%	33%
	Somewhat easy	30%	32%	31%	28%	31%	30%	30%	32%	31%	33%	29%	19%	31%	28%
	Somewhat difficult	22%	20%	26%	21%	22%	22%	21%	21%	21%	20%	18%	44%	22%	22%
	Very difficult	10%	8%	11%	10%	11%	9%	13%	9%	9%	7%	13%	6%	10%	10%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	8%	11%	7%	7%	7%	9%	6%	5%	12%	14%	8%	8%	9%	7%
Old clothing and textiles (that cannot be donated)	Very easy	18%	17%	17%	19%	17%	19%	19%	18%	19%	12%	21%	18%	16%	22%
	Somewhat easy	26%	31%	26%	23%	31%	22%	28%	28%	25%	31%	22%	13%	27%	25%
	Somewhat difficult	28%	25%	28%	31%	28%	28%	31%	25%	26%	21%	24%	52%	28%	28%
	Very difficult	14%	14%	13%	13%	12%	15%	10%	16%	14%	18%	15%	10%	14%	12%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	14%	12%	15%	14%	12%	16%	12%	13%	16%	19%	18%	8%	14%	13%
Chemicals	Very easy	6%	9%	6%	5%	7%	6%	8%	6%	8%	5%	3%	3%	5%	8%
	Somewhat easy	10%	13%	8%	10%	12%	8%	13%	11%	6%	8%	9%	13%	10%	10%
	Somewhat difficult	29%	23%	26%	35%	30%	28%	34%	25%	31%	26%	26%	23%	28%	29%
	Very difficult	34%	31%	39%	31%	35%	32%	34%	36%	29%	34%	31%	35%	34%	34%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	21%	24%	22%	18%	16%	26%	12%	21%	26%	27%	32%	26%	22%	19%
Paint cans	Very easy	10%	13%	9%	10%	12%	9%	10%	11%	12%	9%	13%	5%	9%	14%
	Somewhat easy	18%	23%	17%	15%	18%	17%	19%	19%	18%	16%	18%	16%	19%	16%
	Somewhat difficult	31%	25%	31%	35%	33%	30%	33%	30%	27%	34%	28%	37%	30%	32%
	Very difficult	24%	19%	26%	27%	25%	23%	26%	24%	23%	26%	22%	23%	25%	24%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	16%	20%	17%	12%	12%	21%	13%	16%	20%	15%	19%	19%	17%	14%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Garden plant cuttings	Very easy	53%	39%	49%	65%	51%	54%	51%	57%	41%	52%	71%	52%	49%	60%
	Somewhat easy	27%	33%	27%	21%	27%	26%	28%	26%	25%	31%	22%	26%	29%	21%
	Somewhat difficult	13%	15%	16%	8%	15%	10%	14%	10%	19%	7%	5%	18%	13%	12%
	Very difficult	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	4%	3%	2%	5%	5%	1%	2%	4%	3%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	5%	8%	4%	3%	5%	5%	3%	5%	9%	5%	1%	3%	5%	4%
Disposable face masks	Very easy	19%	20%	17%	21%	20%	18%	17%	23%	17%	18%	22%	16%	18%	22%
	Somewhat easy	25%	25%	25%	25%	27%	23%	25%	27%	22%	22%	24%	27%	25%	24%
	Somewhat difficult	21%	19%	24%	21%	24%	19%	24%	18%	21%	18%	19%	31%	21%	22%
	Very difficult	13%	14%	13%	11%	11%	14%	12%	12%	14%	13%	15%	6%	13%	11%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	22%	22%	22%	22%	19%	26%	21%	19%	27%	29%	19%	19%	23%	21%
Takeaway coffee cups	Very easy	30%	30%	27%	34%	29%	31%	31%	33%	31%	26%	27%	21%	29%	33%
	Somewhat easy	34%	34%	37%	31%	36%	32%	31%	36%	35%	33%	36%	37%	34%	34%
	Somewhat difficult	18%	17%	20%	18%	20%	17%	19%	16%	15%	21%	17%	31%	19%	18%
	Very difficult	10%	14%	11%	6%	8%	12%	11%	9%	10%	11%	6%	6%	11%	8%
	I wouldn't know how to do that	8%	5%	6%	11%	8%	8%	8%	5%	8%	9%	14%	5%	8%	8%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Batteries	TOTAL EASY	41%	43%	38%	43%	40%	42%	38%	44%	43%	35%	47%	39%	40%	45%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	52%	48%	55%	51%	54%	49%	56%	49%	46%	61%	41%	53%	53%	49%
Soft plastics (e.g., single use plastic bags)	TOTAL EASY	53%	55%	57%	47%	56%	49%	54%	60%	50%	46%	51%	40%	51%	56%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	40%	39%	36%	44%	38%	42%	40%	33%	39%	49%	41%	55%	41%	36%
Hard plastics (e.g., milk bottles)	TOTAL EASY	89%	85%	90%	93%	88%	91%	86%	94%	88%	88%	91%	90%	89%	90%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	9%	12%	8%	7%	10%	8%	13%	5%	8%	8%	8%	8%	9%	8%
Paper and cardboard	TOTAL EASY	94%	90%	94%	97%	94%	94%	94%	96%	92%	93%	96%	95%	94%	94%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	5%	9%	5%	2%	5%	5%	5%	3%	6%	7%	3%	5%	5%	5%
Confidential documents	TOTAL EASY	60%	61%	56%	62%	60%	59%	60%	64%	58%	60%	62%	42%	59%	61%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	32%	28%	37%	31%	33%	31%	34%	31%	30%	26%	31%	50%	32%	32%
Old clothing and textiles (that cannot be donated)	TOTAL EASY	44%	48%	44%	42%	48%	40%	47%	46%	44%	43%	42%	31%	43%	47%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	42%	39%	41%	44%	40%	43%	41%	41%	40%	38%	40%	61%	42%	40%
Chemicals	TOTAL EASY	17%	22%	13%	15%	19%	14%	20%	17%	14%	13%	12%	16%	16%	18%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	62%	54%	65%	66%	65%	60%	68%	61%	60%	60%	56%	58%	62%	63%
Paint cans	TOTAL EASY	29%	36%	26%	25%	31%	26%	28%	30%	30%	25%	31%	21%	28%	30%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	55%	44%	57%	62%	58%	53%	59%	53%	50%	60%	50%	60%	55%	56%
Garden plant cuttings	TOTAL EASY	79%	72%	77%	87%	78%	80%	79%	83%	67%	83%	92%	77%	78%	81%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	16%	20%	19%	10%	17%	15%	17%	12%	24%	12%	6%	19%	17%	15%
Disposable face masks	TOTAL EASY	44%	44%	42%	46%	47%	41%	42%	50%	39%	40%	46%	44%	43%	46%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	34%	33%	36%	32%	35%	33%	37%	31%	34%	31%	35%	37%	34%	33%
Takeaway coffee cups	TOTAL EASY	64%	64%	63%	65%	65%	63%	62%	69%	66%	59%	63%	58%	63%	66%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	28%	31%	31%	24%	27%	29%	30%	26%	25%	32%	23%	37%	29%	25%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Batteries	Total Count (Answering) n=	926	255	319	352	476	445	287	243	168	102	69	57	640	286
	Very easy	16%	15%	12%	21%	16%	17%	15%	15%	18%	14%	26%	14%	14%	20%
	Somewhat easy	28%	32%	29%	25%	27%	29%	26%	33%	30%	23%	28%	28%	29%	28%
	Somewhat difficult	35%	34%	37%	34%	37%	33%	37%	33%	28%	46%	36%	32%	37%	31%
	Very difficult	21%	19%	23%	20%	21%	21%	23%	19%	24%	18%	10%	26%	20%	21%
	TOTAL EASY	44%	47%	40%	46%	43%	46%	40%	48%	48%	36%	54%	42%	43%	48%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	56%	53%	60%	54%	57%	54%	60%	52%	52%	64%	46%	58%	57%	52%
Soft plastics (e.g., single use plastic bags)	Total Count (Answering) n=	927	265	319	343	473	448	284	243	168	101	72	59	643	284
	Very easy	29%	27%	29%	31%	29%	29%	26%	34%	30%	24%	31%	24%	28%	32%
	Somewhat easy	28%	32%	32%	21%	31%	25%	31%	30%	26%	25%	25%	19%	28%	29%
	Somewhat difficult	23%	22%	21%	24%	22%	23%	21%	17%	29%	26%	18%	32%	22%	24%
	Very difficult	20%	20%	18%	24%	18%	23%	21%	19%	15%	26%	26%	25%	23%	16%
	TOTAL EASY	57%	58%	61%	52%	60%	54%	58%	64%	56%	49%	56%	42%	55%	61%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	43%	42%	39%	48%	40%	46%	42%	36%	44%	51%	44%	58%	45%	39%
Hard plastics (e.g., milk bottles)	Total Count (Answering) n=	982	274	336	372	492	484	299	259	183	103	77	61	681	301
	Very easy	58%	53%	56%	63%	56%	60%	51%	64%	63%	51%	62%	54%	57%	60%
	Somewhat easy	33%	35%	36%	30%	34%	33%	36%	31%	28%	40%	30%	38%	34%	31%
	Somewhat difficult	7%	9%	7%	5%	8%	6%	10%	4%	7%	5%	8%	7%	7%	7%
	Very difficult	2%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	4%	0%	2%	2%	1%
	TOTAL EASY	91%	87%	92%	93%	90%	92%	87%	95%	91%	91%	92%	92%	91%	91%
	TOTAL DIFFICULT	9%	13%	8%	7%	10%	8%	13%	5%	9%	9%	8%	8%	9%	9%

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Paper and cardboard	Total Count (Answering) n=	991	279	340	372	497	488	301	259	186	106	77	62	687	304
	Very easy	71%	68%	66%	76%	68%	73%	69%	73%	71%	65%	78%	65%	70%	71%
	Somewhat easy	25%	23%	29%	22%	27%	22%	26%	23%	23%	28%	19%	31%	25%	24%
	Somewhat difficult	4%	7%	5%	2%	4%	5%	5%	3%	6%	5%	1%	5%	4%	4%
	Very difficult	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	1%
	TOTAL EASY	95%	91%	95%	98%	95%	95%	95%	97%	94%	93%	97%	95%	95%	95%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	5%	9%	5%	2%	5%	5%	5%	3%	6%	7%	3%	5%	5%	5%	
Confidential documents	Total Count (Answering) n=	920	251	320	349	470	444	284	248	167	92	72	57	634	286
	Very easy	32%	32%	27%	36%	32%	32%	32%	34%	31%	32%	35%	25%	30%	36%
	Somewhat easy	33%	36%	33%	30%	33%	33%	32%	34%	35%	38%	32%	21%	34%	30%
	Somewhat difficult	24%	23%	28%	22%	24%	24%	23%	23%	24%	23%	19%	47%	24%	24%
	Very difficult	11%	9%	12%	11%	11%	10%	13%	10%	10%	8%	14%	7%	11%	10%
	TOTAL EASY	65%	68%	60%	67%	64%	66%	64%	68%	66%	70%	67%	46%	65%	66%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	35%	32%	40%	33%	36%	34%	36%	32%	34%	30%	33%	54%	35%	34%	
Old clothing and textiles (that cannot be donated)	Total Count (Answering) n=	860	246	291	323	444	410	267	226	159	87	64	57	593	267
	Very easy	21%	20%	20%	22%	20%	22%	21%	21%	23%	15%	25%	19%	19%	25%
	Somewhat easy	31%	35%	31%	27%	35%	26%	32%	32%	30%	38%	27%	14%	32%	29%
	Somewhat difficult	33%	28%	33%	36%	32%	33%	35%	29%	31%	25%	30%	56%	33%	32%
	Very difficult	16%	16%	15%	15%	13%	18%	12%	18%	16%	22%	19%	11%	16%	14%
	TOTAL EASY	52%	55%	52%	49%	55%	48%	54%	53%	52%	53%	52%	33%	51%	54%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	48%	45%	48%	51%	45%	52%	46%	47%	48%	47%	48%	67%	49%	46%	

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Chemicals	Total Count (Answering) n=	789	213	270	306	421	363	267	205	140	78	53	46	540	249
	Very easy	8%	12%	7%	7%	8%	8%	9%	8%	11%	6%	4%	4%	7%	10%
	Somewhat easy	13%	17%	10%	12%	14%	11%	14%	14%	8%	12%	13%	17%	13%	12%
	Somewhat difficult	36%	30%	33%	43%	35%	38%	38%	32%	41%	36%	38%	30%	36%	36%
	Very difficult	43%	41%	50%	38%	42%	43%	39%	46%	39%	46%	45%	48%	43%	41%
	TOTAL EASY	21%	29%	17%	19%	22%	20%	23%	22%	19%	18%	17%	22%	20%	22%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	79%	71%	83%	81%	78%	80%	77%	78%	81%	82%	83%	78%	80%	78%	
Paint cans	Total Count (Answering) n=	838	224	285	329	446	387	265	218	151	91	63	50	574	264
	Very easy	12%	16%	11%	11%	14%	11%	11%	14%	15%	11%	16%	6%	11%	16%
	Somewhat easy	22%	29%	20%	18%	21%	22%	22%	22%	23%	19%	22%	20%	23%	19%
	Somewhat difficult	37%	31%	38%	40%	37%	37%	38%	35%	34%	40%	35%	46%	37%	37%
	Very difficult	29%	24%	31%	31%	28%	30%	30%	28%	29%	31%	27%	28%	30%	28%
	TOTAL EASY	34%	45%	31%	29%	35%	33%	32%	36%	37%	30%	38%	26%	34%	35%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	66%	55%	69%	71%	65%	67%	68%	64%	63%	70%	62%	74%	66%	65%	
Garden plant cuttings	Total Count (Answering) n=	952	259	329	364	479	467	293	248	172	102	77	60	658	294
	Very easy	55%	42%	52%	67%	53%	57%	53%	60%	45%	55%	71%	53%	52%	63%
	Somewhat easy	28%	36%	29%	22%	29%	27%	29%	27%	28%	32%	22%	27%	31%	22%
	Somewhat difficult	13%	16%	17%	9%	16%	11%	15%	10%	21%	8%	5%	18%	14%	13%
	Very difficult	3%	6%	3%	2%	2%	5%	3%	2%	6%	5%	1%	2%	4%	3%
	TOTAL EASY	83%	78%	80%	89%	82%	84%	82%	87%	73%	87%	94%	80%	82%	85%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	17%	22%	20%	11%	18%	16%	18%	13%	27%	13%	6%	20%	18%	15%	

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		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Disposable face masks	Total Count (Answering) n=	777	218	267	292	410	363	239	211	138	76	63	50	536	241
	Very easy	24%	25%	22%	26%	24%	25%	22%	28%	23%	25%	27%	20%	23%	28%
	Somewhat easy	32%	32%	32%	32%	33%	31%	32%	34%	30%	32%	30%	34%	33%	30%
	Somewhat difficult	28%	25%	30%	27%	29%	26%	31%	23%	28%	25%	24%	38%	27%	28%
	Very difficult	16%	18%	16%	14%	13%	19%	15%	15%	19%	18%	19%	8%	17%	14%
	TOTAL EASY	56%	57%	54%	59%	57%	55%	54%	62%	53%	57%	57%	54%	56%	58%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	44%	43%	46%	41%	43%	45%	46%	38%	47%	43%	43%	46%	44%	42%	
Takeaway coffee cups	Total Count (Answering) n=	923	266	323	334	466	451	280	247	173	97	67	59	641	282
	Very easy	33%	32%	28%	38%	32%	34%	34%	35%	34%	29%	31%	22%	32%	36%
	Somewhat easy	37%	36%	39%	35%	39%	35%	34%	38%	38%	36%	42%	39%	37%	37%
	Somewhat difficult	20%	18%	21%	20%	21%	18%	20%	17%	17%	23%	19%	32%	20%	19%
	Very difficult	11%	14%	11%	7%	8%	13%	12%	10%	11%	12%	7%	7%	12%	9%
	TOTAL EASY	70%	67%	67%	73%	70%	69%	68%	73%	72%	65%	73%	61%	68%	72%
TOTAL DIFFICULT	30%	33%	33%	27%	30%	31%	33%	27%	28%	35%	27%	39%	32%	28%	

THOUGHTS ON THE PROCESS OF DISPOSING ITEMS

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Empty or rinse recyclable containers before putting them in the recycling bin	Every time	33%	23%	27%	45%	29%	36%	32%	29%	34%	40%	35%	29%	32%	33%
	Most times	35%	36%	34%	34%	36%	33%	34%	39%	29%	32%	36%	39%	34%	36%
	Sometimes	19%	28%	21%	11%	21%	17%	19%	19%	20%	17%	17%	26%	21%	14%
	Rarely	8%	7%	12%	6%	9%	8%	9%	8%	11%	7%	6%	5%	8%	10%
	Never	6%	5%	7%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	5%	6%	6%	2%	5%
Check for the recycling symbols to see where an item should be recycled before disposing of it	Every time	26%	21%	21%	33%	26%	26%	27%	26%	28%	20%	19%	34%	26%	26%
	Most times	37%	38%	38%	35%	39%	34%	36%	41%	33%	38%	37%	29%	35%	40%
	Sometimes	25%	29%	26%	20%	22%	28%	26%	20%	24%	28%	27%	26%	26%	21%
	Rarely	9%	9%	10%	8%	10%	8%	8%	10%	8%	8%	13%	10%	10%	7%
	Never	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	4%	3%	3%	7%	6%	4%	2%	3%	5%
Check local recycling rules for items I'm unsure about	Every time	15%	12%	13%	20%	16%	14%	15%	19%	15%	12%	12%	13%	14%	18%
	Most times	29%	27%	28%	30%	31%	26%	29%	34%	23%	26%	29%	24%	28%	30%
	Sometimes	33%	35%	33%	30%	30%	36%	36%	27%	33%	36%	29%	37%	34%	30%
	Rarely	16%	16%	17%	15%	16%	16%	12%	17%	19%	18%	19%	16%	17%	14%
	Never	8%	10%	9%	5%	7%	8%	8%	4%	10%	8%	10%	10%	7%	9%
Separate the components of a single product and recycle or dispose of in the appropriate bin	Every time	27%	19%	22%	38%	25%	28%	26%	28%	30%	25%	21%	26%	26%	28%
	Most times	36%	37%	40%	32%	38%	35%	39%	36%	32%	36%	37%	39%	36%	37%
	Sometimes	24%	32%	22%	19%	25%	23%	23%	24%	23%	21%	31%	23%	25%	21%
	Rarely	9%	7%	11%	8%	8%	10%	8%	8%	9%	15%	8%	8%	9%	8%
	Never	5%	5%	5%	3%	5%	4%	5%	4%	6%	2%	4%	5%	4%	6%

THOUGHTS ON THE PROCESS OF DISPOSING ITEMS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Take the lids off glass and plastic bottles before putting them in the recycling	Every time	29%	18%	24%	43%	28%	30%	23%	27%	30%	42%	40%	29%	27%	34%
	Most times	28%	30%	27%	26%	28%	27%	25%	27%	26%	32%	36%	27%	28%	28%
	Sometimes	19%	28%	20%	11%	20%	18%	21%	19%	16%	19%	15%	26%	21%	15%
	Rarely	14%	14%	15%	11%	13%	14%	16%	17%	16%	6%	4%	5%	15%	11%
	Never	10%	10%	13%	8%	10%	10%	14%	10%	12%	2%	5%	13%	10%	12%
Separate soft plastic and film from hard plastic before recycling	Every time	30%	21%	22%	42%	29%	30%	29%	33%	27%	30%	29%	26%	29%	31%
	Most times	30%	30%	32%	29%	33%	27%	31%	30%	26%	31%	38%	29%	30%	30%
	Sometimes	20%	31%	19%	14%	20%	21%	21%	20%	21%	18%	18%	27%	22%	17%
	Rarely	12%	11%	18%	8%	11%	13%	13%	11%	14%	11%	9%	13%	12%	12%
	Never	8%	7%	8%	7%	7%	8%	7%	7%	11%	10%	5%	5%	7%	10%
Ensure batteries are removed from battery-operated items before putting the battery-operated item in the rubbish bin	Every time	39%	26%	33%	54%	41%	37%	39%	36%	40%	42%	45%	35%	39%	40%
	Most times	28%	32%	30%	23%	27%	28%	26%	31%	25%	29%	26%	32%	28%	27%
	Sometimes	18%	23%	21%	13%	19%	18%	21%	16%	17%	17%	18%	19%	20%	14%
	Rarely	9%	11%	11%	5%	8%	10%	8%	11%	11%	7%	4%	5%	8%	10%
	Never	6%	7%	5%	5%	5%	7%	6%	5%	6%	5%	8%	8%	5%	8%

THOUGHTS ON THE PROCESS OF DISPOSING ITEMS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Empty or rinse recyclable containers before putting them in the recycling bin	EVERY/MOST TIMES	67%	60%	60%	78%	64%	70%	66%	67%	63%	72%	71%	68%	66%	68%
Check for the recycling symbols to see where an item should be recycled before disposing of it	EVERY/MOST TIMES	62%	59%	59%	68%	65%	60%	63%	67%	60%	58%	56%	63%	61%	66%
Check local recycling rules for items I'm unsure about	EVERY/MOST TIMES	44%	39%	41%	50%	47%	40%	44%	52%	39%	38%	41%	37%	42%	47%
Separate the components of a single product and recycle or dispose of in the appropriate bin	EVERY/MOST TIMES	63%	56%	62%	70%	63%	63%	64%	64%	62%	62%	58%	65%	62%	65%
Take the lids off glass and plastic bottles before putting them in the recycling	EVERY/MOST TIMES	57%	48%	51%	69%	56%	58%	49%	54%	57%	74%	76%	56%	55%	62%
Separate soft plastic and film from hard plastic before recycling	EVERY/MOST TIMES	60%	51%	55%	71%	62%	58%	59%	63%	53%	61%	68%	55%	59%	61%
Ensure batteries are removed from battery-operated items before putting the battery-operated item in the rubbish bin	EVERY/MOST TIMES	67%	59%	63%	77%	68%	66%	65%	67%	66%	71%	71%	68%	67%	68%



SECTION C: SORTING TASK



SORTING AND DISPOSING PROCESS

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Soft plastics (e.g., single use plastic bags)	General rubbish bin	47%	44%	47%	49%	43%	51%	46%	49%	47%	44%	41%	48%	45%	50%
	Mixed recycling bin	33%	31%	35%	33%	37%	29%	33%	31%	32%	41%	33%	35%	33%	33%
	Organic/garden waste bin	3%	6%	2%	1%	3%	2%	4%	3%	1%	2%	4%	2%	3%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	13%	16%	13%	12%	13%	13%	12%	14%	15%	8%	17%	13%	13%	13%
	None of these	4%	4%	3%	6%	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	5%	5%	2%	4%	4%
Hard plastics (e.g., milk bottles)	General rubbish bin	7%	8%	8%	4%	7%	6%	9%	5%	7%	7%	5%	3%	7%	6%
	Mixed recycling bin	85%	77%	84%	92%	83%	87%	83%	88%	85%	83%	79%	89%	84%	87%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	5%	2%	0%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	5%	7%	6%	3%	7%	3%	4%	4%	6%	6%	8%	3%	6%	4%
	None of these	1%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	4%	2%	1%	2%
Paper and cardboard	General rubbish bin	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	2%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	4%
	Mixed recycling bin	89%	87%	87%	93%	87%	91%	87%	90%	90%	89%	87%	89%	90%	87%
	Organic/garden waste bin	3%	4%	5%	1%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	2%	3%	6%	3%	3%
	Specialised drop-off location	3%	4%	3%	2%	4%	2%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	2%	3%	4%
	None of these	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Old clothing and textiles (that cannot be donated)	General rubbish bin	41%	40%	42%	41%	42%	40%	37%	42%	46%	37%	41%	52%	40%	43%
	Mixed recycling bin	10%	10%	10%	9%	11%	8%	12%	6%	9%	14%	17%	0%	9%	10%
	Organic/garden waste bin	3%	5%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	1%	3%	5%	3%	1%
	Specialised drop-off location	37%	38%	38%	36%	35%	39%	40%	39%	32%	41%	28%	39%	38%	35%
	None of these	10%	7%	8%	13%	9%	10%	9%	11%	11%	7%	12%	5%	9%	11%

SORTING AND DISPOSING PROCESS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE					AREA		
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Chemicals	General rubbish bin	13%	17%	15%	9%	13%	14%	11%	11%	19%	10%	14%	19%	13%	14%
	Mixed recycling bin	4%	9%	3%	1%	4%	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	1%	3%	4%	2%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	1%	3%	3%	1%	1%	4%	3%	2%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	68%	54%	67%	79%	70%	66%	73%	67%	61%	69%	68%	61%	66%	71%
	None of these	13%	16%	13%	11%	11%	15%	9%	16%	15%	16%	13%	13%	14%	11%
Paint cans	General rubbish bin	17%	22%	17%	11%	15%	18%	13%	16%	26%	11%	18%	16%	16%	19%
	Mixed recycling bin	12%	23%	10%	5%	14%	10%	12%	14%	7%	14%	13%	11%	13%	9%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	59%	40%	57%	75%	59%	59%	65%	54%	57%	59%	58%	60%	58%	61%
	None of these	10%	10%	12%	8%	8%	12%	9%	14%	7%	14%	6%	11%	11%	9%
Garden plant cuttings	General rubbish bin	15%	16%	15%	15%	15%	15%	11%	8%	34%	16%	5%	16%	15%	16%
	Mixed recycling bin	5%	6%	5%	3%	6%	3%	7%	4%	6%	3%	1%	2%	5%	3%
	Organic/garden waste bin	62%	58%	61%	64%	64%	59%	65%	74%	34%	63%	76%	55%	62%	60%
	Specialised drop-off location	7%	8%	7%	6%	6%	8%	6%	3%	12%	5%	6%	13%	6%	9%
	None of these	12%	11%	13%	11%	10%	14%	11%	10%	14%	14%	12%	15%	12%	12%
Disposable face masks	General rubbish bin	69%	67%	72%	67%	67%	71%	67%	74%	73%	62%	55%	71%	69%	69%
	Mixed recycling bin	17%	19%	14%	19%	17%	17%	19%	15%	11%	23%	27%	16%	18%	15%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	2%	4%	3%	3%	2%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	5%	5%	6%	5%	7%	3%	5%	5%	6%	3%	9%	5%	5%	6%
	None of these	7%	5%	5%	9%	6%	7%	7%	5%	8%	8%	6%	5%	6%	8%

SORTING AND DISPOSING PROCESS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Takeaway coffee cups	General rubbish bin	39%	38%	39%	39%	38%	40%	43%	40%	37%	36%	29%	34%	40%	36%
	Mixed recycling bin	48%	45%	49%	49%	48%	48%	43%	49%	49%	52%	58%	45%	47%	50%
	Organic/garden waste bin	4%	6%	4%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	2%	2%	8%	13%	5%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	5%	6%	4%	4%	6%	3%	5%	4%	6%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%
	None of these	5%	5%	3%	6%	4%	6%	5%	4%	6%	7%	3%	5%	4%	7%
A soft-drink bottle	General rubbish bin	4%	6%	5%	1%	4%	4%	4%	3%	5%	4%	6%	3%	4%	4%
	Mixed recycling bin	70%	70%	69%	72%	71%	70%	69%	81%	68%	61%	53%	77%	70%	71%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	4%	2%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	1%
	Specialised drop-off location	21%	17%	22%	24%	20%	23%	22%	13%	24%	32%	32%	15%	21%	21%
	None of these	2%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	1%	2%	1%	6%	2%	2%	3%
A takeaway 'paper' drink cup from a fast-food restaurant	General rubbish bin	32%	32%	32%	30%	31%	32%	32%	34%	34%	29%	24%	23%	31%	33%
	Mixed recycling bin	58%	53%	56%	62%	57%	59%	56%	57%	56%	63%	62%	56%	58%	56%
	Organic/garden waste bin	4%	6%	5%	2%	6%	2%	6%	2%	1%	2%	8%	13%	5%	3%
	Specialised drop-off location	4%	5%	5%	1%	4%	3%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	5%	3%	5%
	None of these	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%	4%	2%	3%	5%	5%	3%	3%	3%	4%
A bread bag	General rubbish bin	61%	58%	62%	62%	59%	63%	63%	61%	65%	56%	49%	60%	58%	66%
	Mixed recycling bin	23%	21%	25%	24%	26%	21%	21%	22%	22%	31%	26%	27%	25%	20%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	4%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	2%	5%	2%	2%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	10%	12%	9%	8%	10%	9%	9%	11%	8%	7%	17%	6%	10%	9%
	None of these	4%	5%	2%	5%	3%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	5%	4%	3%

SORTING AND DISPOSING PROCESS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
A plastic takeaway container	General rubbish bin	27%	28%	28%	24%	28%	25%	31%	23%	31%	25%	18%	19%	25%	30%
	Mixed recycling bin	66%	60%	66%	71%	63%	69%	61%	70%	63%	70%	73%	68%	67%	65%
	Organic/garden waste bin	4%	7%	3%	1%	5%	2%	4%	4%	2%	2%	5%	8%	4%	2%
	Specialised drop-off location	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	1%	3%	3%	2%	2%
	None of these	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
A piece of packing polystyrene/styrofoam	General rubbish bin	55%	51%	56%	58%	54%	56%	56%	56%	59%	50%	46%	56%	54%	58%
	Mixed recycling bin	25%	27%	26%	21%	25%	24%	24%	20%	24%	28%	35%	27%	26%	21%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	5%	2%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	1%	4%	4%	3%	3%	1%
	Specialised drop-off location	11%	10%	9%	13%	12%	9%	10%	15%	8%	12%	6%	6%	11%	11%
	None of these	7%	7%	7%	7%	6%	9%	7%	7%	8%	7%	9%	6%	7%	8%



SECTION D:
KNOWLEDGE



KERBSIDE RECYCLING BIN

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Taken to a landfill in Australia	14%	18%	15%	11%	13%	15%	17%	16%	12%	11%	10%	15%	15%	13%
Taken to a landfill overseas	4%	7%	2%	2%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	4%
Taken to a facility in Australia to be sorted and then transferred to another site for recycling	63%	53%	62%	70%	63%	62%	58%	62%	66%	69%	62%	66%	61%	65%
Taken to a facility overseas to be sorted and then recycled	8%	10%	10%	5%	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	7%	12%	5%	9%	8%
Don't know	11%	11%	10%	12%	12%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	12%	11%	12%	10%

PERCEPTION ON HOW RECYCLING IS SORTED

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
By people	12%	13%	10%	12%	11%	12%	9%	10%	16%	16%	12%	10%	11%	14%
By machines	10%	13%	8%	8%	8%	11%	12%	8%	10%	7%	9%	10%	11%	7%
A mix of people and machines	79%	74%	81%	80%	81%	76%	79%	82%	74%	77%	79%	81%	78%	79%

TRUE OR FALSE – KERBSIDE RECYCLING

			AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
			Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=			1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
You should rinse containers (i.e., jars and tins) before putting them into the kerbside recycling bin	(True)	True	91%	88%	91%	92%	89%	92%	88%	94%	88%	93%	92%	90%	90%	92%
		False	10%	12%	9%	8%	11%	8%	12%	6%	12%	7%	8%	10%	10%	8%
You need to remove the plastic from envelopes with a window before putting them in the kerbside recycling bin	(False)	True	56%	67%	59%	46%	54%	58%	57%	63%	50%	49%	58%	55%	61%	46%
		False	44%	33%	41%	54%	46%	42%	43%	37%	50%	51%	42%	45%	39%	54%
Recycling is sorted manually by facility workers	(True)	True	65%	66%	66%	63%	67%	63%	65%	61%	65%	74%	63%	71%	63%	69%
		False	35%	34%	34%	37%	33%	37%	35%	39%	35%	26%	37%	29%	37%	31%
Recycling can be sealed in a plastic bag in the kerbside recycling bin	(False)	True	20%	30%	18%	14%	22%	18%	21%	20%	17%	19%	24%	15%	22%	15%
		False	80%	70%	82%	86%	78%	82%	79%	80%	83%	81%	76%	85%	78%	85%
Leftover liquid or food in containers in recycling can spill and ruin a whole truck of good recycling, sending it to landfill	(True)	True	81%	75%	81%	85%	79%	82%	82%	81%	78%	82%	81%	79%	79%	84%
		False	19%	25%	19%	15%	21%	18%	18%	19%	22%	18%	19%	21%	21%	16%
All councils in my state/territory have the same recycling rules/standards	(False)	True	32%	35%	33%	29%	32%	33%	36%	31%	30%	30%	31%	34%	32%	33%
		False	68%	65%	67%	71%	68%	67%	64%	69%	70%	70%	69%	66%	68%	67%

KNOWLEDGE WHETHER BATTERIES OR RECHARGEABLE DEVICES CAN BE PLACED IN KERBSIDE BINS

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Yes	6%	10%	7%	2%	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	4%	3%	10%	7%	4%
No	77%	69%	75%	84%	79%	75%	77%	77%	76%	77%	78%	74%	76%	79%
Unsure	17%	21%	18%	14%	15%	19%	16%	18%	17%	20%	19%	16%	17%	18%



THE RECYCLING SYMBOL

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	498	132	180	186	251	246	148	136	90	53	39	32	357	141
Yes	80%	77%	81%	81%	80%	79%	80%	86%	78%	72%	87%	66%	78%	84%
No	20%	23%	19%	19%	20%	21%	20%	14%	22%	28%	13%	34%	22%	16%

IF CORRECT (NO)

That's right – this symbol is from the Plastics Identification Code, and the number in the triangle identifies the type of plastic the item is made from, not whether or not it is recyclable in your kerbside recycling bin.

The number 3 in this symbol means the item is made of PVC, or Polyvinyl Chloride. This type of plastic is difficult to recycle and contains harmful chemicals.

IF CORRECT (YES)

It might look similar, but this symbol is not a recycling symbol. It's from the Plastics Identification Code, and the number in the triangle identifies the type of plastic the item is made from.

The number 3 in this symbol means the item is made of PVC, or Polyvinyl Chloride. This type of plastic is difficult to recycle and contains harmful chemicals



THE RECYCLING SYMBOL (CONTINUED)

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	502	149	164	189	253	244	155	125	99	54	39	30	336	166
Put it in the general waste bin	14%	10%	17%	13%	14%	13%	10%	17%	16%	15%	10%	10%	13%	14%
Put it in the kerbside recycling bin	51%	53%	51%	50%	51%	50%	48%	54%	53%	41%	64%	50%	49%	55%
Dispose of it at a specialised waste drop off location	26%	26%	24%	28%	23%	30%	33%	20%	25%	26%	21%	23%	29%	20%
Another way	9%	11%	7%	10%	12%	7%	8%	9%	6%	19%	5%	17%	9%	10%

IF CORRECT (GENERAL WASTE OR SPECIALISED DROPOFF)

That's right – this symbol is from the Plastics Identification Code, and the number in the triangle identifies the type of plastic the item is made from, not whether or not it is recyclable.

The number 3 in this symbol means the item is made of PVC, or Polyvinyl Chloride. This type of plastic is difficult to recycle and contains harmful chemicals. That's why it should be disposed of in the general waste bin, or by taking it to a specialised waste drop off.

IF INCORRECT (RECYCLE) OR 'ANOTHER'

It might look similar, but this symbol is not a recycling symbol. It's from the Plastics Identification Code, and the number in the triangle identifies the type of plastic the item is made from.

The number 3 in this symbol means the item is made of PVC, or Polyvinyl Chloride. This type of plastic is difficult to recycle and contains harmful chemicals. That's why it should be disposed of in the general waste bin, or by taking it to a specialised waste drop off – such products should not be placed in the kerbside recycling.

PERCEPTIONS ON HOW MANY YEARS IT TAKES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF WASTE TO BREAKDOWN IN LANDFILL

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA		
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro	
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307	
A glass bottle	≤ 999 years	84%	83%	85%	83%	81%	87%	85%	85%	83%	84%	81%	74%	85%	81%	
	1,000 – 10,000 years	13%	14%	13%	14%	15%	11%	12%	12%	14%	14%	13%	26%	13%	15%	
	10,001 - 100,000 years	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	
	100,001 - 999,999 years	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	
	≥ 1,000,000 years	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	5%	0%	2%	3%
	Median	50	40	50	50	65	50	50	50	50	50	50	50	100	50	100
=/MORE	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	5%	0%	2%	3%	
LESS	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%	99%	95%	100%	98%	97%	
A plastic water bottle	≤ 449 years	87%	83%	88%	89%	86%	89%	90%	87%	87%	87%	83%	79%	87%	88%	
	450 years or more	13%	17%	12%	11%	14%	11%	10%	13%	13%	13%	17%	21%	13%	12%	
	Median	25	30	36	20	30	20	23	29	25	20	23	50	23	30	
	=/MORE	13%	17%	12%	11%	14%	11%	10%	13%	13%	13%	17%	21%	13%	12%	
LESS	87%	83%	88%	89%	86%	89%	90%	87%	87%	87%	87%	83%	79%	87%	88%	
A plastic shopping bag	≤ 9 years	30%	31%	26%	33%	31%	30%	31%	30%	33%	31%	27%	24%	31%	29%	
	10 - 1,000 years	67%	65%	70%	66%	66%	67%	68%	68%	62%	67%	72%	65%	66%	68%	
	1,001 years or more	3%	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	5%	2%	1%	11%	2%	4%	
	Median	20	20	20	15	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	30	20	20	
	=/MORE	70%	69%	74%	67%	69%	70%	69%	70%	67%	69%	73%	76%	69%	71%	
LESS	30%	31%	26%	33%	31%	30%	31%	30%	33%	31%	27%	24%	31%	29%		

PERCEPTIONS ON HOW MANY YEARS IT TAKES FOR DIFFERENT TYPES OF WASTE TO BREAKDOWN IN LANDFILL (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Disposable mask	≤ 449 years	94%	93%	94%	95%	95%	94%	93%	95%	96%	93%	97%	90%	94%	94%
	450 years or more	6%	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%	7%	5%	4%	7%	3%	10%	6%	6%
	Median	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	=/MORE	6%	7%	6%	5%	5%	6%	7%	5%	4%	7%	3%	10%	6%	6%
	LESS	94%	93%	94%	95%	95%	94%	93%	95%	96%	93%	97%	90%	94%	94%
Wet wipes	<= 99 years	83%	78%	83%	86%	83%	83%	83%	84%	86%	79%	83%	77%	82%	85%
	100 years or more	17%	22%	17%	14%	17%	17%	17%	16%	14%	21%	17%	23%	18%	15%
	Median	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
	=/MORE	17%	22%	17%	14%	17%	17%	17%	16%	14%	21%	17%	23%	18%	15%
	LESS	83%	78%	83%	86%	83%	83%	83%	84%	86%	79%	83%	77%	82%	85%

ANSWERS

Thanks – here are the answers for each of those items:		
	You said:	<p>PROGRAMMING NOTE: VARY 'IN FACT', 'THAT'S RIGHT', 'CLOSE' DEPENDING ON THEIR ANSWER</p> <p>IF THEY ARE EXACTLY RIGHT: "THAT'S RIGHT"</p> <p>IF THEY ARE WITHIN 50 YEARS: "CLOSE"</p> <p>IF THEY ARE FURTHER OUT: "IN FACT"</p>
A glass bottle	[insert their answer]	In fact, on average it takes millions of years for a glass bottle to break down in landfill.
A plastic water bottle	[insert their answer]	That's right, on average it takes 450 years for a plastic water bottle to break down in landfill.
A plastic shopping bag	[insert their answer]	Depending on the exact composition of the plastic, it can take anywhere from 10 years to 1,000 years for a plastic shopping bag to break down in landfill.
Disposable mask	[insert their answer]	Close, on average it takes 450 years for a disposable mask to break down in landfill.
Wet wipes	[insert their answer]	That's right, on average it takes 100 years for wet wipes to break down in landfill.



SECTION E: THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY



RANKING FIVE OPTIONS FOR MANAGING WASTE IN THE WASTE HIERARCHY

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA		
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro	
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307	
Avoid buying unnecessary or single-use items	1	39%	37%	43%	38%	38%	41%	36%	34%	43%	43%	49%	52%	40%	37%	
	2	16%	17%	16%	16%	15%	17%	16%	16%	17%	17%	12%	18%	15%	19%	
	3	15%	16%	12%	17%	15%	15%	17%	17%	13%	11%	19%	6%	14%	17%	
	4	21%	21%	21%	21%	21%	20%	22%	23%	23%	18%	23%	12%	21%	22%	19%
	5	9%	9%	9%	8%	11%	7%	10%	10%	10%	8%	6%	9%	3%	9%	7%
Reuse materials by donating them, upcycling or repurposing	1	18%	18%	19%	16%	18%	16%	19%	17%	18%	17%	12%	19%	17%	19%	
	2	26%	31%	28%	22%	25%	28%	29%	29%	18%	26%	33%	21%	28%	23%	
	3	25%	19%	24%	31%	26%	24%	23%	26%	28%	25%	18%	29%	25%	25%	
	4	24%	23%	22%	27%	23%	25%	21%	22%	29%	25%	26%	24%	24%	24%	
	5	7%	9%	8%	5%	8%	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	7%	12%	6%	7%	8%
Recycle materials in the correct bins to ensure they can be made into something new	1	20%	20%	18%	21%	21%	18%	19%	27%	13%	23%	14%	11%	20%	18%	
	2	23%	19%	23%	25%	22%	23%	21%	21%	28%	22%	28%	18%	21%	27%	
	3	26%	26%	26%	25%	24%	28%	26%	22%	30%	20%	24%	37%	25%	26%	
	4	27%	26%	26%	27%	27%	27%	26%	24%	26%	30%	31%	27%	27%	26%	
	5	5%	9%	6%	2%	7%	4%	8%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	7%	3%	
Buy products that use recycled packaging or materials	1	19%	19%	15%	23%	17%	21%	19%	18%	22%	16%	23%	15%	18%	21%	
	2	29%	23%	26%	35%	31%	27%	31%	26%	29%	29%	22%	37%	30%	25%	
	3	26%	31%	26%	23%	25%	27%	25%	27%	22%	33%	31%	21%	26%	25%	
	4	19%	18%	23%	17%	19%	20%	18%	21%	18%	17%	21%	23%	19%	20%	
	5	7%	9%	9%	2%	7%	6%	6%	7%	10%	6%	4%	5%	6%	8%	

RANKING FIVE OPTIONS FOR MANAGING WASTE IN THE WASTE HIERARCHY (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Dispose of waste into landfills	1	4%	5%	5%	3%	5%	3%	6%	4%	4%	1%	3%	3%	4%	4%
	2	6%	10%	6%	3%	7%	5%	4%	7%	8%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%
	3	8%	9%	13%	4%	11%	6%	9%	8%	7%	11%	8%	6%	9%	7%
	4	9%	12%	8%	8%	10%	8%	11%	9%	8%	5%	12%	5%	8%	10%
	5	72%	64%	68%	83%	67%	78%	70%	72%	72%	78%	73%	79%	72%	74%

HEARD OF THE CONCEPT "CIRCULAR ECONOMY"

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
No, I've never heard of it	48%	45%	48%	51%	43%	54%	46%	45%	53%	52%	59%	39%	45%	57%
Yes, I've heard of it, but don't know what it means	21%	20%	22%	20%	23%	19%	20%	25%	17%	22%	13%	23%	22%	17%
Yes, I've heard of it, and know a bit about what it means	25%	27%	23%	25%	27%	23%	28%	23%	23%	21%	26%	31%	27%	21%
Yes, I'm very familiar with what it means	6%	8%	7%	3%	7%	5%	5%	8%	6%	5%	3%	8%	6%	5%

CIRCULAR ECONOMY DESCRIPTION

A circular economy is about changing the way we produce, assemble, package, sell and use products to minimise waste and increase the collection and use of recycled material in manufacturing new products, as opposed to a linear economy or “take-make-dispose” model whereby raw materials are used to make products that are then disposed of in landfill after short-term use. A circular economy of recycling creates environmental, economic and social benefits through litter and emissions reduction, job creation and industry growth, and by increasing efficient use of natural resources (including energy, water, trees and oil).



Image from: <https://futureofsourcing.com/sourcing-in-the-circular-economy>

IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENT A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN AUSTRALIA

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Extremely important	46%	40%	44%	52%	41%	50%	44%	47%	49%	49%	45%	40%	46%	45%
Very important	38%	42%	37%	36%	41%	36%	42%	38%	35%	36%	33%	40%	37%	41%
Moderately important	12%	13%	14%	9%	13%	11%	12%	12%	10%	12%	12%	19%	13%	10%
Slightly important	4%	5%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	3%	5%	4%	8%	0%	4%	3%
Not at all important	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	3%	0%	1%	1%
EXT/VERY	84%	82%	81%	88%	82%	86%	85%	85%	84%	84%	78%	81%	83%	86%

IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENT A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN AUSTRALIA

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Local (council) governments	1	10%	11%	10%	9%	10%	10%	9%	12%	11%	8%	6%	8%	9%	11%
	2	13%	13%	12%	12%	12%	13%	13%	12%	14%	13%	8%	15%	12%	13%
	3	32%	23%	37%	34%	33%	31%	32%	32%	33%	22%	31%	42%	31%	35%
	4	28%	34%	23%	27%	26%	29%	30%	25%	24%	36%	35%	16%	29%	26%
	5	18%	19%	17%	18%	18%	17%	16%	18%	17%	20%	21%	19%	19%	15%
State governments	1	7%	10%	4%	6%	7%	6%	7%	5%	7%	10%	4%	6%	6%	7%
	2	35%	35%	35%	34%	33%	37%	36%	36%	34%	25%	37%	37%	34%	37%
	3	25%	28%	23%	25%	25%	24%	24%	23%	26%	31%	31%	19%	27%	21%
	4	25%	16%	29%	28%	26%	24%	22%	26%	26%	26%	22%	29%	24%	27%
	5	9%	11%	8%	7%	9%	8%	11%	9%	7%	7%	6%	8%	9%	8%
Federal government	1	40%	40%	41%	39%	40%	40%	41%	38%	39%	34%	49%	44%	41%	37%
	2	18%	20%	16%	20%	20%	16%	19%	16%	18%	26%	21%	10%	19%	17%
	3	14%	16%	12%	13%	13%	15%	13%	16%	13%	13%	10%	16%	13%	16%
	4	10%	11%	10%	7%	8%	11%	8%	11%	11%	9%	8%	8%	10%	9%
	5	19%	13%	21%	20%	19%	18%	18%	20%	19%	18%	13%	23%	17%	21%
Companies and manufacturers	1	26%	25%	25%	27%	25%	27%	26%	27%	24%	28%	27%	23%	26%	26%
	2	22%	21%	24%	22%	22%	23%	19%	21%	25%	25%	24%	27%	22%	23%
	3	16%	18%	15%	14%	15%	16%	17%	15%	15%	19%	10%	11%	16%	14%
	4	25%	23%	26%	25%	27%	22%	26%	26%	23%	19%	22%	31%	24%	27%
	5	11%	12%	11%	11%	11%	12%	12%	10%	13%	9%	17%	8%	12%	10%

IMPORTANCE OF IMPLEMENT A CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN AUSTRALIA (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Australian consumers/citizens	1	18%	15%	20%	18%	18%	17%	17%	18%	19%	20%	14%	19%	17%	19%
	2	12%	11%	13%	12%	12%	12%	13%	13%	10%	10%	10%	11%	13%	10%
	3	14%	14%	13%	14%	14%	14%	14%	13%	13%	15%	18%	11%	14%	13%
	4	13%	16%	11%	12%	13%	12%	13%	12%	15%	9%	14%	16%	13%	12%
	5	44%	44%	43%	43%	42%	45%	43%	44%	44%	46%	44%	42%	43%	46%

RANKING THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE AS PART OF BUILDING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA		
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro	
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307	
Education about how a circular economy works and how to participate in it	1	23%	20%	22%	26%	20%	26%	25%	25%	20%	18%	27%	16%	22%	24%	
	2	16%	16%	15%	17%	16%	15%	14%	16%	15%	22%	10%	26%	16%	17%	
	3	18%	19%	18%	17%	16%	20%	19%	15%	19%	19%	14%	23%	18%	17%	
	4	15%	16%	13%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	15%	13%	19%	13%	15%	16%	12%
	5	15%	14%	17%	13%	16%	14%	13%	15%	15%	19%	12%	19%	15%	15%	15%
	6	14%	15%	14%	13%	17%	10%	15%	15%	15%	14%	10%	17%	6%	14%	14%
Building infrastructure to do the recycling, reprocessing, and manufacture for the circular economy	1	22%	21%	25%	21%	24%	20%	21%	28%	17%	18%	19%	32%	22%	22%	
	2	21%	18%	20%	23%	18%	23%	24%	15%	24%	22%	19%	16%	19%	23%	
	3	18%	17%	21%	18%	19%	18%	18%	17%	20%	19%	18%	19%	17%	21%	
	4	14%	17%	13%	13%	15%	14%	14%	15%	15%	17%	15%	6%	16%	11%	
	5	14%	17%	11%	14%	13%	14%	13%	12%	14%	14%	14%	18%	16%	14%	12%
	6	11%	11%	10%	11%	11%	11%	10%	13%	13%	11%	10%	10%	10%	11%	11%
Regulations on the creation of non-recyclable products	1	18%	19%	20%	16%	18%	18%	22%	13%	18%	21%	21%	15%	19%	17%	
	2	17%	17%	19%	17%	17%	18%	16%	17%	21%	14%	21%	16%	18%	16%	
	3	15%	18%	13%	15%	15%	15%	15%	18%	16%	14%	15%	8%	14%	18%	
	4	15%	15%	13%	16%	16%	13%	14%	15%	16%	12%	19%	16%	15%	15%	
	5	16%	14%	18%	17%	16%	17%	15%	20%	13%	20%	9%	24%	16%	18%	
	6	18%	17%	16%	20%	17%	19%	19%	17%	17%	16%	19%	15%	21%	18%	17%

RANKING THINGS THAT COULD BE DONE AS PART OF BUILDING A CIRCULAR ECONOMY (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Improving access to consumer recycling services	1	11%	15%	13%	7%	12%	11%	12%	10%	11%	12%	10%	15%	12%	11%
	2	13%	17%	12%	11%	14%	12%	12%	16%	10%	14%	8%	16%	14%	9%
	3	14%	12%	14%	16%	14%	14%	14%	15%	10%	13%	23%	15%	13%	15%
	4	20%	21%	19%	21%	19%	22%	20%	20%	21%	17%	21%	26%	19%	23%
	5	21%	20%	22%	19%	20%	21%	22%	18%	25%	23%	15%	11%	22%	18%
	6	21%	16%	21%	26%	22%	21%	20%	21%	24%	21%	23%	18%	20%	23%
Creating local markets for reuse of recovered materials/items	1	7%	9%	5%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	5%	7%	10%	5%	7%	5%
	2	14%	14%	15%	12%	15%	12%	16%	14%	14%	8%	14%	10%	14%	11%
	3	15%	14%	16%	15%	17%	13%	15%	16%	13%	16%	13%	16%	16%	13%
	4	19%	14%	21%	21%	18%	20%	17%	17%	24%	20%	18%	26%	18%	22%
	5	22%	22%	17%	26%	22%	21%	22%	25%	19%	20%	21%	19%	21%	24%
	6	24%	27%	26%	21%	21%	28%	25%	22%	25%	29%	24%	24%	24%	24%
Ensuring products are designed with circularity in mind	1	19%	16%	16%	24%	19%	19%	14%	17%	29%	23%	13%	18%	18%	21%
	2	20%	19%	19%	21%	19%	20%	18%	22%	17%	19%	28%	16%	18%	23%
	3	19%	20%	18%	20%	19%	20%	19%	18%	22%	20%	17%	19%	21%	16%
	4	17%	17%	20%	15%	17%	17%	21%	20%	12%	16%	14%	11%	18%	16%
	5	13%	13%	15%	11%	13%	13%	15%	11%	11%	11%	18%	15%	13%	13%
	6	12%	15%	12%	9%	13%	11%	12%	12%	10%	11%	10%	21%	13%	10%



SECTION F:
SUSTAINABLE
BEHAVIOURS AND
RATIONALE (COST
VS ENVIRONMENT)



TELLING THE TRUTH

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
I try to avoid buying things in general	Yes	55%	59%	53%	55%	52%	59%	53%	55%	57%	57%	53%	63%	56%	53%
	No	45%	41%	47%	45%	48%	41%	47%	45%	43%	43%	47%	37%	44%	47%
I buy things second-hand	Yes	60%	65%	64%	51%	56%	63%	51%	60%	66%	64%	58%	74%	57%	66%
	No	41%	35%	36%	49%	44%	37%	49%	40%	34%	36%	42%	26%	43%	34%
I wait as long as I can before replacing worn out/broken things	Yes	88%	84%	89%	91%	87%	90%	86%	87%	94%	87%	87%	90%	88%	90%
	No	12%	16%	11%	9%	13%	10%	14%	13%	6%	13%	13%	10%	12%	10%
I try to repair items rather than just replacing them	Yes	84%	81%	83%	86%	83%	85%	83%	84%	84%	84%	81%	87%	84%	84%
	No	16%	19%	17%	14%	17%	15%	17%	16%	16%	16%	19%	13%	16%	16%
I grow my own food	Yes	32%	33%	34%	29%	31%	33%	29%	37%	26%	21%	38%	52%	28%	42%
	No	68%	67%	66%	71%	69%	67%	71%	63%	74%	79%	62%	48%	72%	58%
I buy cheaper items even though I know they will wear out/break down sooner than something more expensive	Yes	46%	55%	46%	40%	44%	49%	48%	42%	50%	40%	47%	50%	46%	47%
	No	54%	45%	54%	60%	56%	51%	52%	58%	50%	60%	53%	50%	54%	53%
I try to sell second-hand things rather than throwing them away or donating them	Yes	65%	68%	71%	57%	60%	69%	60%	64%	66%	68%	63%	76%	64%	66%
	No	36%	32%	29%	43%	40%	31%	40%	36%	34%	32%	37%	24%	36%	34%
I buy cheaper items that are not sustainably produced, instead of sustainable items that cost more	Yes	51%	57%	54%	43%	49%	52%	50%	46%	52%	51%	59%	55%	51%	50%
	No	50%	43%	46%	57%	51%	48%	50%	54%	48%	49%	41%	45%	49%	50%

SHOPPING AND RECYCLING HABITS

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA		
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro	
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307	
Use reusable shopping bags	Every time	62%	46%	58%	79%	57%	68%	60%	60%	68%	71%	63%	50%	62%	63%	
	Most times	24%	32%	27%	13%	25%	22%	23%	25%	24%	16%	19%	32%	23%	25%	
	Sometimes	11%	18%	12%	5%	13%	9%	12%	12%	5%	12%	15%	15%	12%	9%	
	Rarely	2%	3%	1%	1%	3%	1%	3%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%
	Never	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Seek out products with minimal packaging	Every time	11%	8%	9%	15%	10%	12%	12%	11%	9%	12%	13%	8%	10%	13%	
	Most times	32%	31%	31%	34%	31%	33%	29%	35%	32%	33%	31%	35%	33%	30%	
	Sometimes	40%	44%	41%	35%	41%	39%	40%	38%	39%	40%	38%	52%	40%	40%	
	Rarely	13%	12%	13%	12%	14%	11%	16%	11%	14%	14%	10%	0%	13%	12%	
	Never	4%	5%	5%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	6%	1%	8%	5%	4%	5%	
Seek out products made from or packaged with compostable, reusable, or recyclable material	Every time	8%	7%	8%	7%	9%	6%	9%	8%	6%	9%	9%	5%	8%	6%	
	Most times	26%	27%	23%	28%	22%	31%	26%	28%	26%	21%	24%	27%	25%	29%	
	Sometimes	43%	47%	44%	40%	43%	44%	41%	44%	41%	53%	35%	50%	44%	43%	
	Rarely	16%	12%	17%	18%	20%	12%	16%	15%	18%	13%	22%	11%	17%	14%	
	Never	7%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	8%	4%	8%	3%	10%	6%	6%	8%	
Take note of any recycling symbols on the packaging	Every time	11%	8%	10%	13%	10%	11%	11%	11%	11%	11%	9%	11%	10%	13%	
	Most times	26%	31%	22%	26%	26%	26%	24%	31%	28%	24%	19%	21%	28%	22%	
	Sometimes	35%	33%	38%	34%	37%	34%	36%	31%	33%	36%	35%	53%	34%	38%	
	Rarely	20%	20%	22%	19%	20%	21%	20%	23%	19%	21%	27%	8%	21%	20%	
	Never	8%	8%	8%	7%	7%	9%	9%	5%	8%	8%	10%	6%	8%	7%	

SHOPPING AND RECYCLING HABITS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Avoid buying things I don't need	Every time	27%	20%	21%	37%	26%	27%	27%	26%	28%	30%	28%	16%	26%	28%
	Most times	46%	45%	48%	44%	44%	47%	42%	49%	46%	43%	49%	45%	45%	46%
	Sometimes	23%	28%	26%	17%	24%	23%	26%	20%	22%	21%	17%	37%	24%	22%
	Rarely	4%	6%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	5%	3%	4%	4%	2%	4%	3%
	Never	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%	3%	0%	1%	1%
Seek out products that are Australian made	Every time	14%	9%	11%	19%	13%	14%	15%	12%	15%	13%	15%	10%	12%	17%
	Most times	38%	37%	34%	42%	37%	39%	38%	38%	38%	46%	29%	35%	37%	39%
	Sometimes	35%	39%	39%	28%	35%	34%	33%	36%	33%	33%	40%	39%	37%	31%
	Rarely	10%	11%	11%	8%	10%	10%	12%	10%	9%	5%	10%	10%	10%	9%
	Never	4%	5%	4%	3%	5%	3%	3%	4%	5%	4%	5%	6%	4%	4%
Try to find used or second-hand alternatives before buying new	Every time	8%	11%	8%	5%	6%	9%	7%	9%	8%	9%	8%	6%	8%	7%
	Most times	23%	26%	23%	21%	18%	28%	20%	24%	23%	27%	21%	34%	24%	21%
	Sometimes	37%	41%	39%	33%	39%	35%	37%	36%	42%	30%	33%	47%	35%	42%
	Rarely	20%	16%	19%	24%	23%	17%	22%	22%	17%	20%	22%	6%	20%	20%
	Never	12%	6%	10%	17%	13%	10%	14%	10%	10%	14%	17%	6%	13%	9%
Buy eco-friendly products even if they cost more than non-eco-friendly alternatives	Every time	6%	8%	5%	5%	5%	7%	7%	7%	5%	2%	6%	5%	6%	6%
	Most times	22%	23%	22%	21%	21%	23%	23%	23%	20%	21%	26%	16%	22%	22%
	Sometimes	45%	49%	43%	44%	44%	46%	43%	46%	48%	48%	31%	56%	45%	45%
	Rarely	20%	13%	22%	22%	22%	17%	19%	18%	19%	26%	24%	13%	20%	19%
	Never	8%	6%	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	5%	10%	3%	13%	10%	7%	8%

SHOPPING AND RECYCLING HABITS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Use reusable shopping bags	EVERY/MOST TIMES	86%	78%	85%	93%	83%	90%	84%	85%	92%	87%	82%	82%	85%	88%
Seek out products with minimal packaging	EVERY/MOST TIMES	43%	39%	40%	49%	41%	46%	41%	46%	41%	45%	44%	44%	43%	43%
Seek out products made from or packaged with compostable, reusable, or recyclable material	EVERY/MOST TIMES	34%	35%	32%	35%	30%	38%	35%	36%	32%	31%	33%	32%	33%	36%
Take note of any recycling symbols on the packaging	EVERY/MOST TIMES	37%	39%	32%	40%	37%	37%	35%	41%	39%	36%	28%	32%	38%	35%
Avoid buying things I don't need	EVERY/MOST TIMES	72%	65%	69%	80%	70%	74%	69%	75%	73%	73%	77%	61%	71%	73%
Seek out products that are Australian made	EVERY/MOST TIMES	51%	46%	46%	61%	50%	53%	52%	49%	53%	59%	45%	45%	49%	56%
Try to find used or second-hand alternatives before buying new	EVERY/MOST TIMES	31%	37%	31%	26%	24%	38%	27%	33%	31%	36%	28%	40%	32%	29%
Buy eco-friendly products even if they cost more than non-eco-friendly alternatives	EVERY/MOST TIMES	28%	31%	27%	26%	25%	30%	30%	30%	24%	23%	32%	21%	28%	28%

RANKING THE CONCERNS

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Climate change	1	16%	15%	14%	19%	18%	14%	13%	19%	17%	19%	12%	18%	17%	14%
	2	16%	13%	13%	20%	15%	16%	15%	13%	15%	21%	21%	18%	17%	13%
	3	16%	19%	15%	14%	14%	18%	15%	12%	17%	18%	22%	16%	15%	17%
	4	21%	29%	23%	13%	20%	22%	24%	21%	20%	16%	15%	19%	22%	19%
	5	32%	24%	36%	33%	33%	30%	33%	34%	30%	27%	31%	29%	29%	36%
Cost of living	1	61%	53%	60%	67%	60%	63%	58%	61%	63%	58%	68%	65%	59%	66%
	2	22%	29%	20%	17%	22%	21%	23%	22%	19%	22%	21%	19%	22%	21%
	3	10%	11%	12%	9%	11%	9%	10%	11%	11%	11%	9%	10%	11%	8%
	4	4%	4%	3%	6%	5%	4%	5%	3%	5%	7%	3%	5%	5%	3%
	5	3%	4%	4%	1%	2%	3%	5%	3%	2%	2%	0%	2%	3%	2%
Housing affordability	1	14%	21%	13%	9%	13%	15%	18%	9%	14%	14%	12%	11%	14%	12%
	2	34%	36%	36%	31%	31%	38%	34%	34%	39%	25%	28%	44%	31%	40%
	3	23%	20%	25%	24%	24%	23%	19%	25%	21%	29%	33%	18%	25%	19%
	4	18%	15%	14%	23%	18%	18%	17%	18%	17%	21%	17%	18%	16%	21%
	5	11%	9%	12%	12%	15%	7%	12%	14%	8%	10%	10%	10%	13%	7%
Food and packaging waste	1	3%	4%	4%	2%	3%	3%	2%	5%	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%
	2	13%	10%	11%	18%	13%	13%	11%	16%	16%	11%	10%	11%	12%	16%
	3	23%	20%	18%	30%	26%	20%	27%	20%	22%	26%	14%	23%	23%	23%
	4	36%	34%	39%	36%	37%	36%	34%	37%	35%	36%	45%	37%	37%	35%
	5	24%	33%	28%	14%	22%	27%	26%	22%	24%	22%	28%	26%	25%	23%

RANKING THE CONCERNS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE					AREA		
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Job security	1	6%	7%	9%	2%	6%	5%	8%	7%	3%	6%	6%	3%	6%	5%
	2	15%	13%	20%	13%	19%	12%	17%	15%	11%	21%	21%	8%	18%	10%
	3	28%	31%	31%	23%	26%	30%	29%	31%	29%	16%	22%	34%	26%	32%
	4	21%	19%	21%	22%	21%	21%	20%	21%	22%	20%	21%	21%	20%	22%
	5	30%	30%	20%	40%	28%	32%	25%	27%	36%	38%	31%	34%	29%	32%



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STORING E-WASTE AND BATTERIES

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Batteries	General rubbish bin	10%	12%	13%	6%	9%	12%	10%	10%	13%	9%	9%	13%	10%	11%
	Mixed recycling bin	4%	6%	3%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	2%	5%	5%	2%	4%	2%
	Organic/garden waste bin	3%	9%	2%	0%	4%	3%	4%	3%	1%	4%	3%	3%	4%	2%
	E-waste bin	42%	51%	29%	0%	42%	41%	38%	58%	18%	44%	33%	67%	45%	23%
	Specialised drop-off location	82%	73%	80%	91%	81%	83%	83%	82%	82%	83%	82%	79%	82%	83%
	None of these	3%	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	5%	3%	5%	3%
Laptop	General rubbish bin	6%	6%	9%	3%	8%	5%	6%	6%	6%	4%	9%	6%	6%	7%
	Mixed recycling bin	4%	6%	3%	2%	4%	4%	3%	4%	3%	4%	6%	5%	3%	5%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	6%	2%	0%	2%	3%	3%	0%	3%	4%	0%	6%	2%	2%
	E-waste bin	48%	47%	57%	20%	61%	36%	53%	58%	18%	56%	33%	33%	50%	38%
	Specialised drop-off location	83%	77%	80%	91%	81%	85%	83%	82%	86%	84%	81%	82%	84%	82%
	None of these	5%	6%	6%	3%	4%	6%	4%	6%	4%	8%	5%	6%	5%	6%
Mobile phone	General rubbish bin	6%	7%	9%	3%	8%	5%	5%	8%	5%	3%	10%	10%	6%	7%
	Mixed recycling bin	4%	7%	4%	2%	5%	3%	6%	4%	2%	7%	4%	0%	4%	4%
	Organic/garden waste bin	2%	6%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	4%	3%	0%	3%	1%
	E-waste bin	45%	53%	38%	0%	50%	41%	47%	53%	27%	44%	33%	67%	47%	38%
	Specialised drop-off location	84%	75%	82%	91%	82%	86%	81%	84%	87%	85%	85%	82%	84%	83%
	None of these	5%	6%	6%	4%	5%	6%	5%	5%	5%	7%	3%	6%	4%	7%

REASONS WHY WOULD TAKE ITEMS LIKE BATTERIES, LAPTOPS OR MOBILE PHONES TO A SPECIALISED DROP-OFF LOCATION

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
It's where you are supposed to take them	54%	47%	46%	67%	54%	55%	53%	51%	56%	61%	49%	65%	52%	59%
It's the right thing to do	53%	44%	49%	65%	56%	51%	51%	48%	60%	56%	53%	61%	51%	58%
It reduces waste going to landfill	47%	36%	42%	59%	48%	45%	45%	47%	47%	45%	53%	47%	45%	50%
It means they can be recycled or repurposed	58%	47%	56%	68%	59%	57%	57%	56%	65%	59%	54%	53%	57%	60%
It's the easiest way for me to dispose of them	19%	17%	16%	22%	20%	17%	18%	17%	19%	19%	27%	16%	19%	18%
It's dangerous to dispose of them in other ways	62%	53%	61%	70%	61%	64%	61%	61%	62%	72%	55%	65%	61%	66%
I don't know what else to do with them	20%	25%	21%	15%	19%	21%	18%	15%	24%	21%	22%	29%	20%	18%
Another reason (please tell us what)	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	3%
No reasons	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%	0%	2%	1%

REASONS WHY WOULD NOT TAKE ITEMS LIKE BATTERIES, OLD LAPTOPS OR MOBILE PHONES TO A SPECIALISED DROP-OFF LOCATION

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Didn't know I was meant to	15%	20%	18%	7%	16%	14%	12%	17%	18%	8%	18%	16%	13%	18%
There's no reason they can't go into the general rubbish	9%	14%	8%	7%	12%	7%	11%	8%	9%	8%	13%	8%	10%	9%
Not knowing where to take them	45%	47%	51%	39%	44%	47%	49%	41%	42%	49%	44%	48%	46%	43%
It is inconvenient taking them to a specialised drop-off location	39%	46%	42%	30%	36%	42%	40%	37%	35%	41%	41%	42%	41%	34%
Another reason (please tell us what)	3%	1%	2%	4%	3%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%
No reasons	27%	15%	22%	41%	28%	25%	24%	28%	28%	29%	33%	18%	25%	31%

THE PERCEIVED CONSEQUENCES OF BATTERIES BEING DISPOSED OF IN KERBSIDE BINS

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Components in batteries cannot be recovered to be used to make new things	39%	33%	37%	45%	42%	36%	36%	35%	44%	46%	40%	39%	38%	40%
Chemicals inside batteries can leak out and contaminate other items	71%	61%	69%	81%	69%	73%	74%	69%	70%	75%	67%	74%	71%	72%
Chemicals inside batteries can leak out and contaminate the environment (e.g., soil and waterways)	77%	67%	78%	85%	77%	78%	77%	75%	81%	81%	74%	73%	76%	80%
Batteries could cause a fire in the household bin	61%	51%	55%	73%	60%	61%	54%	61%	65%	65%	60%	65%	58%	65%
Batteries could cause a fire in a garbage truck	67%	57%	63%	79%	70%	64%	63%	64%	68%	78%	79%	65%	65%	72%
Batteries could cause a fire at a processing facility	66%	62%	60%	75%	68%	64%	63%	67%	69%	68%	69%	63%	64%	72%
None of these	4%	4%	5%	2%	4%	3%	4%	5%	3%	1%	6%	3%	4%	4%

AWARENESS OF THE NEAREST DROP-OFF LOCATIONS FOR E-WASTE

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
Loose batteries	I know where it is	58%	49%	56%	65%	59%	56%	62%	54%	52%	64%	55%	56%	58%	56%
	I don't know where it is	43%	51%	44%	35%	41%	44%	38%	46%	48%	36%	45%	44%	42%	44%
Laptops	I know where it is	48%	41%	44%	57%	51%	44%	53%	46%	42%	44%	51%	47%	48%	47%
	I don't know where it is	52%	59%	56%	43%	49%	56%	47%	54%	58%	56%	49%	53%	52%	53%
Mobile phones	I know where it is	54%	45%	50%	64%	55%	52%	56%	53%	50%	55%	53%	55%	53%	55%
	I don't know where it is	46%	55%	50%	36%	45%	48%	44%	47%	50%	45%	47%	45%	47%	45%

THE CONVENIENCE OF TAKING E-WASTE TO THE NEAREST SPECIALISED DROP-OFF LOCATION

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Batteries	Total Count (Answering) n=	575	139	193	243	295	275	188	142	99	68	43	35	403	172
	Extremely	25%	22%	20%	32%	24%	27%	23%	24%	26%	21%	40%	31%	26%	25%
	Very	33%	33%	34%	31%	30%	35%	32%	42%	30%	28%	33%	14%	33%	32%
	Moderately	29%	32%	31%	26%	30%	28%	30%	23%	28%	34%	16%	54%	28%	32%
	Slightly	9%	9%	12%	8%	12%	7%	10%	11%	10%	10%	7%	0%	10%	8%
	Not at all	4%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	1%	5%	7%	5%	0%	4%	3%
	EXT/VERY	58%	55%	54%	63%	54%	62%	55%	65%	57%	49%	72%	46%	58%	57%
Laptops	Total Count (Answering) n=	478	115	150	213	259	214	162	121	79	47	40	29	334	144
	Extremely	18%	17%	13%	22%	17%	19%	19%	18%	16%	11%	28%	17%	18%	18%
	Very	31%	32%	34%	29%	30%	32%	35%	36%	27%	30%	28%	14%	31%	33%
	Moderately	36%	40%	32%	36%	39%	33%	31%	35%	42%	34%	33%	55%	35%	38%
	Slightly	11%	9%	17%	8%	10%	13%	12%	9%	11%	17%	5%	10%	12%	8%
	Not at all	4%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	2%	4%	9%	8%	3%	4%	3%
	EXT/VERY	49%	49%	47%	51%	47%	51%	53%	54%	43%	40%	55%	31%	49%	51%
Mobile phones	Total Count (Answering) n=	538	126	171	241	279	254	171	138	95	59	41	34	369	169
	Extremely	18%	15%	12%	24%	17%	19%	19%	15%	20%	10%	32%	15%	18%	18%
	Very	34%	37%	35%	31%	31%	36%	36%	40%	29%	34%	24%	18%	33%	35%
	Moderately	33%	36%	33%	33%	37%	30%	29%	36%	35%	29%	32%	53%	33%	36%
	Slightly	12%	11%	19%	8%	13%	12%	13%	8%	12%	22%	7%	15%	14%	9%
	Not at all	3%	2%	1%	5%	3%	3%	2%	1%	4%	5%	5%	0%	3%	2%
	EXT/VERY	52%	52%	47%	55%	48%	55%	56%	55%	49%	44%	56%	32%	51%	53%

AWARENESS OF CERTAIN RETAILERS THAT HAVE COLLECTION POINTS FOR SAFELY DROPPING OFF BATTERIES

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	1,000	281	344	375	504	490	303	261	189	107	78	62	693	307
ALDI	20%	15%	22%	21%	22%	17%	20%	24%	14%	21%	17%	18%	22%	15%
Coles	24%	23%	21%	26%	27%	20%	23%	24%	21%	27%	23%	26%	23%	25%
Woolworths	27%	31%	25%	25%	29%	24%	32%	23%	19%	31%	19%	39%	28%	24%
Big W	11%	12%	10%	12%	11%	12%	11%	8%	13%	15%	9%	18%	11%	12%
Bunnings Warehouse	31%	25%	30%	36%	34%	27%	25%	30%	31%	36%	45%	34%	31%	31%
Did not know about any of these	46%	45%	45%	47%	41%	51%	46%	43%	53%	43%	42%	40%	44%	50%



SECTION H: CDS



FAMILIARITY WITH CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN STATE

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	975	276	330	369	492	477	303	261	189	107	78	37	682	293
I have used the Container Deposit Scheme	52%	45%	54%	55%	49%	55%	51%	28%	69%	64%	71%	62%	50%	57%
I know there is one, but I haven't used it	36%	41%	31%	37%	38%	34%	32%	57%	25%	33%	19%	24%	38%	31%
I didn't know that there was one in \${q://QID5/ChoiceGroup/SelectedChoices}	12%	15%	15%	8%	13%	11%	17%	15%	6%	4%	10%	14%	12%	11%

FREQUENCY OF USING THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	506	123	179	204	242	261	156	74	130	68	55	23	338	168
Once	10%	14%	9%	8%	9%	11%	4%	32%	8%	7%	5%	9%	10%	10%
2-5 times	19%	27%	17%	16%	17%	21%	15%	36%	22%	18%	5%	9%	20%	17%
More than 5 times	71%	59%	73%	76%	75%	67%	80%	31%	71%	75%	89%	83%	70%	74%

REGENCY LAST USED THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	506	123	179	204	242	261	156	74	130	68	55	23	338	168
Within the past month	50%	39%	54%	53%	54%	46%	56%	73%	45%	46%	27%	30%	49%	52%
Within the past 2-3 months	29%	33%	30%	27%	29%	30%	30%	22%	26%	37%	35%	35%	31%	26%
Within the past 4-6 months	8%	11%	7%	7%	7%	10%	5%	1%	13%	4%	13%	22%	8%	9%
Within the past 6-12 months	6%	7%	2%	8%	5%	6%	6%	3%	4%	6%	11%	9%	5%	7%
More than 12 months ago	7%	9%	8%	4%	5%	8%	3%	1%	12%	7%	15%	4%	7%	7%

LIKELIHOOD TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN THE NEXT 12 MONTHS

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	975	276	330	369	492	477	303	261	189	107	78	37	682	293
Completely likely	44%	35%	46%	50%	42%	46%	45%	33%	52%	53%	50%	46%	41%	52%
Very likely	16%	20%	16%	12%	17%	15%	14%	18%	12%	20%	17%	19%	17%	12%
Moderately likely	14%	20%	14%	10%	14%	15%	15%	19%	12%	6%	13%	14%	14%	15%
Slightly likely	13%	17%	13%	11%	13%	13%	13%	17%	11%	11%	10%	11%	14%	12%
Not at all likely	12%	8%	11%	17%	14%	11%	14%	13%	13%	10%	10%	11%	14%	10%
COMP/VERY	60%	55%	62%	63%	59%	61%	59%	51%	64%	73%	67%	65%	59%	63%

MOTIVATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	864	257	297	310	427	431	263	228	171	97	72	33	596	268
For the financial incentive	63%	60%	65%	64%	65%	62%	62%	59%	65%	66%	76%	58%	62%	66%
Because I feel it's the right thing to do	54%	43%	50%	66%	55%	52%	53%	51%	54%	57%	58%	55%	50%	62%
To teach my children/grandchildren about recycling/saving money	33%	23%	38%	36%	30%	35%	32%	32%	32%	38%	31%	33%	31%	35%
To benefit the environment	58%	49%	63%	62%	59%	58%	59%	60%	56%	61%	57%	55%	59%	56%
To benefit my community	37%	37%	36%	39%	37%	37%	38%	39%	37%	32%	35%	39%	37%	38%
To benefit a charity or community group through donations	23%	18%	21%	30%	21%	26%	21%	22%	29%	29%	18%	18%	22%	28%
To remove litter from the environment	53%	41%	53%	62%	54%	52%	50%	53%	51%	56%	56%	58%	51%	57%
It contributes to the circular economy	53%	44%	49%	63%	51%	54%	54%	56%	54%	47%	44%	48%	52%	54%
Another reason (please tell us what)	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	0%	0%	2%	1%

DESCRIBING EXPERIENCE AT CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME RETURN POINTS

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		506	123	179	204	242	261	156	74	130	68	55	23	338	168
Convenient	Extremely	25%	20%	21%	30%	26%	24%	22%	22%	27%	16%	36%	30%	22%	30%
	Very	28%	33%	27%	26%	25%	31%	26%	38%	26%	35%	22%	17%	31%	23%
	Moderately	31%	23%	32%	34%	32%	30%	37%	22%	24%	38%	31%	35%	33%	27%
	Slightly	11%	17%	13%	6%	14%	9%	12%	14%	13%	7%	9%	9%	11%	12%
	Not at all	5%	7%	6%	4%	3%	7%	3%	5%	10%	3%	2%	9%	4%	8%
Easy	Extremely	31%	25%	31%	34%	30%	31%	27%	31%	32%	28%	38%	43%	27%	38%
	Very	35%	39%	31%	35%	34%	35%	33%	36%	34%	38%	36%	26%	38%	28%
	Moderately	25%	26%	27%	21%	26%	23%	29%	20%	24%	26%	20%	17%	25%	23%
	Slightly	8%	8%	8%	7%	8%	8%	10%	11%	7%	6%	4%	4%	7%	9%
	Not at all	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	4%	1%	2%	9%	2%	2%
Fun	Extremely	14%	14%	14%	15%	15%	13%	14%	16%	16%	7%	16%	13%	13%	17%
	Very	19%	28%	17%	16%	17%	21%	15%	31%	19%	21%	11%	26%	22%	14%
	Moderately	32%	29%	34%	31%	31%	33%	32%	35%	24%	49%	29%	22%	33%	29%
	Slightly	17%	20%	15%	18%	18%	16%	21%	12%	18%	7%	20%	26%	16%	20%
	Not at all	17%	9%	20%	20%	19%	16%	17%	5%	23%	16%	24%	13%	16%	21%

DESCRIBING EXPERIENCE AT CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME RETURN POINTS (CONTINUED)

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		506	123	179	204	242	261	156	74	130	68	55	23	338	168
Financially worth the effort	Extremely	22%	18%	19%	27%	22%	23%	21%	18%	25%	15%	35%	22%	20%	26%
	Very	22%	25%	25%	18%	23%	21%	21%	19%	25%	28%	16%	17%	22%	22%
	Moderately	31%	31%	32%	31%	31%	31%	34%	28%	25%	40%	31%	30%	31%	31%
	Slightly	18%	19%	17%	20%	19%	18%	20%	30%	18%	10%	13%	13%	20%	15%
	Not at all	6%	7%	7%	4%	5%	7%	4%	5%	7%	7%	5%	17%	7%	5%
Efficient	Extremely	25%	24%	22%	27%	26%	25%	22%	22%	25%	24%	38%	26%	23%	29%
	Very	39%	36%	36%	43%	39%	38%	41%	38%	36%	44%	33%	35%	41%	34%
	Moderately	25%	24%	30%	21%	25%	24%	28%	26%	23%	22%	20%	22%	24%	25%
	Slightly	9%	11%	9%	7%	7%	10%	7%	9%	12%	7%	7%	9%	9%	8%
	Not at all	3%	6%	3%	2%	3%	3%	1%	5%	4%	3%	2%	9%	3%	4%
Convenient	EXT/VERY	53%	54%	49%	56%	51%	54%	49%	59%	53%	51%	58%	48%	52%	54%
Easy	EXT/VERY	65%	64%	62%	69%	64%	66%	60%	68%	65%	66%	75%	70%	65%	66%
Fun	EXT/VERY	34%	42%	31%	30%	32%	35%	29%	47%	35%	28%	27%	39%	35%	31%
Financially worth the effort	EXT/VERY	44%	43%	44%	45%	45%	44%	42%	36%	50%	43%	51%	39%	42%	48%
Efficient	EXT/VERY	63%	60%	58%	70%	65%	62%	63%	59%	61%	68%	71%	61%	64%	63%

REASONS FOR NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

	AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=	975	276	330	369	492	477	303	261	189	107	78	37	682	293
The CDS locations are not easily accessible for me (distance/ transportation)	16%	16%	22%	12%	17%	15%	16%	20%	16%	14%	8%	19%	17%	15%
The CDS locations are not open at times that are convenient for me	10%	14%	12%	5%	10%	9%	11%	8%	10%	7%	8%	16%	10%	8%
The CDS process is too slow/ there are queues	11%	11%	17%	7%	12%	11%	13%	14%	11%	7%	5%	14%	11%	13%
I don't recycle	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	0%	2%	0%
I don't use the type of containers accepted under the scheme	9%	11%	7%	9%	8%	10%	9%	11%	6%	10%	6%	11%	10%	6%
I'm too busy/ don't have time	16%	28%	18%	6%	16%	17%	23%	16%	13%	9%	13%	11%	17%	14%
I don't want to stockpile/ save items to drop off	17%	23%	17%	12%	17%	17%	14%	20%	21%	16%	12%	19%	17%	17%
The incentives offered are not high enough	14%	22%	17%	7%	17%	12%	15%	15%	13%	14%	13%	22%	16%	10%
Eligible items are too expensive for what you get back under the CDS	6%	10%	7%	1%	5%	6%	6%	5%	6%	7%	4%	8%	6%	5%
I don't know what containers are eligible	7%	9%	8%	5%	7%	7%	6%	12%	5%	4%	6%	3%	8%	6%
I don't know where the CDS locations are	13%	16%	15%	9%	13%	13%	12%	17%	10%	10%	8%	22%	14%	10%
I don't understand how it works/ what I'm supposed to do	7%	11%	9%	2%	7%	7%	6%	9%	6%	6%	6%	14%	8%	5%
I don't believe the products returned will be recycled	3%	5%	5%	1%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	4%	3%	0%	4%	2%
Another reason (please tell us what)	4%	3%	4%	7%	5%	4%	5%	3%	6%	3%	5%	5%	4%	5%
There are no reasons for me not to participate in the Container Deposit Scheme	39%	23%	35%	55%	41%	38%	36%	32%	42%	53%	55%	35%	36%	47%

WHAT HAPPENS TO ITEMS THAT ARE COLLECTED AT STATE'S CDS?

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/ NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		975	276	330	369	492	477	303	261	189	107	78	37	682	293
The material is recycled and is designed to be remanufactured into a new product (e.g., plastic bottles being recycled and turned into new plastic bottles)	(True)	75%	71%	72%	80%	72%	77%	72%	73%	80%	75%	79%	62%	74%	77%
They are sorted by material type once transported to a processing centre	(True)	54%	46%	55%	59%	57%	51%	51%	56%	48%	61%	59%	62%	55%	51%
They are dumped offshore	(False)	7%	13%	8%	1%	9%	5%	11%	5%	5%	5%	5%	8%	7%	6%
Nothing happens to them	(False)	4%	5%	4%	2%	4%	3%	3%	5%	2%	3%	6%	5%	4%	4%
Something else (please tell us what)		1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%

WHAT WOULD CHANGE LIKELIHOOD OF PARTICIPATING IN STATE'S CDS PROGRAM

		AGE				GENDER		STATE						AREA	
		Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	NSW	VIC	QLD	WA	SA	TAS/ACT/NT	Metro	Nonmetro
Total Count (Answering) n=		975	276	330	369	492	477	303	261	189	107	78	37	682	293
If the rebate for items was increased from 10c to 20c	Much more likely	61%	66%	69%	49%	58%	64%	64%	56%	62%	59%	67%	57%	60%	63%
	Slightly more likely	23%	28%	21%	20%	24%	21%	21%	29%	20%	22%	15%	22%	23%	21%
	No more likely	16%	5%	9%	31%	18%	15%	15%	15%	18%	19%	18%	22%	17%	15%
If there was a wider range of eligible containers	Much more likely	48%	47%	52%	44%	42%	53%	48%	49%	46%	49%	44%	54%	45%	53%
	Slightly more likely	35%	40%	32%	33%	40%	29%	37%	33%	35%	34%	35%	27%	36%	32%
	No more likely	18%	13%	16%	23%	18%	18%	16%	18%	19%	18%	22%	19%	19%	15%
If there were more drop off locations	Much more likely	47%	46%	55%	40%	46%	48%	48%	52%	48%	37%	41%	41%	46%	51%
	Slightly more likely	34%	42%	31%	31%	35%	34%	36%	33%	32%	39%	29%	35%	36%	31%
	No more likely	19%	12%	14%	28%	19%	18%	16%	15%	20%	23%	29%	24%	19%	18%
If I could see some of the new things that my items were being recycled into	Much more likely	31%	30%	34%	28%	28%	33%	32%	30%	31%	27%	32%	30%	29%	34%
	Slightly more likely	40%	53%	38%	33%	41%	39%	41%	42%	38%	46%	29%	35%	41%	38%
	No more likely	29%	17%	29%	39%	31%	27%	27%	28%	31%	27%	38%	35%	30%	28%
If it was collected from my kerbside and I didn't have to drop them off somewhere	Much more likely	47%	51%	53%	40%	42%	53%	47%	50%	50%	40%	42%	46%	47%	48%
	Slightly more likely	28%	36%	26%	24%	31%	25%	28%	31%	26%	24%	27%	24%	29%	26%
	No more likely	25%	13%	22%	36%	27%	23%	24%	18%	24%	36%	31%	30%	24%	26%
If the rebate for items was increased from 10c to 20c	TOTAL MORE	84%	95%	91%	69%	82%	85%	85%	85%	82%	81%	82%	78%	83%	85%
If there was a wider range of eligible containers	TOTAL MORE	82%	87%	84%	77%	82%	82%	84%	82%	81%	82%	78%	81%	81%	85%
If there were more drop off locations	TOTAL MORE	81%	88%	86%	72%	81%	82%	84%	85%	80%	77%	71%	76%	81%	82%
If I could see some of the new things that my items were being recycled into	TOTAL MORE	71%	83%	71%	61%	69%	73%	73%	72%	69%	73%	62%	65%	70%	72%
If it was collected from my kerbside and I didn't have to drop them off somewhere	TOTAL MORE	75%	87%	78%	64%	73%	77%	76%	82%	76%	64%	69%	70%	76%	74%



APPENDIX B: THE QUOTES



Reasons for not composting food waste

A4b Are any of these reasons why you don't compost any of your food waste? Select as many as apply. - Another reason (please specify)

Age 18-34

I just put it in my garden -- 25-29 year old Female
Don't think I have enough things to compost -- 18-24 year old Female
I don't have a garden -- 25-29 year old Female
No garden to utilise compost -- 25-29 year old Female
lack of garden for compost use -- 25-29 year old Female
not really possible in rental property -- 25-29 year old Female
Live in an apartment somewhere exactly can I compost -- 30-34 year old Female
I don't have anywhere to put the compost -- 25-29 year old Female
No scraps as all eaten by animals in household -- 30-34 year old Female
Don't have to -- 18-24 year old Female
I don't have easy access to the biodegradable bags. They should sell them at supermarkets. -- 25-29 year old Female
I feed them to my animals -- 25-29 year old Female
I don't have anywhere to use compost -- 30-34 year old Female

Age 35-54

I live in a tropical place, too humid -- 35-39 year old Female
Don't eat much fresh food -- 40-44 year old Female
I don't have anywhere to put it. -- 40-44 year old Female
Very little food waste or scraps use for pet food -- 50-54 year old Male
No room on block for compost garden -- 50-54 year old Female
Last time we did it we got a mouse in the house -- 35-39 year old Female
Don't have a separate bin service. -- 45-49 year old Female
I don't have a lot of food waste -- 45-49 year old Male
No garden -- 40-44 year old Male

Age 55+

Body Corporate -- 60-64 year old Female
I am in a wheelchair and Disabled -- 55-59 year old Female
I put my food scraps in the garden or the bush next door -- 70+ year old Female
Would place in green bin but would smell and attract flies -- 55-59 year old Female
Live in a retirement village no access to composting -- 65-69 year old Female
I don't produce much food waste, also don't like it in the green bin as it sits there for 2 weeks. Brings flies and maggots -- 60-64 year old Female
Don't consume food that has waste for composting -- 55-59 year old Female
Too physically demanding. I have a disability -- 60-64 year old Female
My property is too small -- 60-64 year old Female
I rented home unable to have compost bin, but when repotting plants use peelings to mix in soil -- 70+ year old Female
I have very little food waste -- 70+ year old Male
Too small a garden area for it to be viable -- 60-64 year old Male
Only minimal as try to use all -- 60-64 year old Male
I feed them to my chooks -- 60-64 year old Female
Very small yard -- 60-64 year old Male
We have little food waste. -- 65-69 year old Male
I don't generally have any -- 55-59 year old Male
I have no garden -- 70+ year old Male
I HAVE NO USE FOR COMPOST. -- 70+ year old Male
I have a farm and animals eat the waste -- 55-59 year old Female
I have very little food waste -- 70+ year old Male
little space -- 70+ year old Male
Live in hospice. -- 65-69 year old Male
I give to a farmer for his cows -- 70+ year old Female
Afraid it will attract mice and rats -- 70+ year old Female

not possible in an apartment complex -- 60-64 year old Male
I don't have garden space so nowhere to use compost -- 70+ year old Male
We are only supplied 2 bins, general waste. And recyclable -- 65-69 year old Male
I don't have a garden. -- 70+ year old Female
No outside area to do so -- 60-64 year old Male
not enough to compost -- 70+ year old Male
The smell around the bins -- 60-64 year old Male
Not Feasible -- 70+ year old Male
I live in a high rise unit. No facility or need to -- 65-69 year old Female
back hard is to small -- 70+ year old Male
Attracts vermin -- 70+ year old Male
I don't have any. -- 70+ year old Male
bury in garden -- 70+ year old Male
I thought about doing it though -- 60-64 year old Female
creates food for vermon -- 70+ year old Male
I don't have much food waste -- 60-64 year old Female
scraps go to chooks -- 60-64 year old Male
I don't have sufficient food waste -- 65-69 year old Female

Reasons for thinking there is no point to recycling

B3a Why do you think there is no point to recycling?

Age 18-34

It all goes into the same landfill -- 30-34 year old Female

I think it is not useful because it does not affect the atmosphere and environment -- 25-29 year old Female

no penalty or good incentives for doing so -- 25-29 year old Male

Too much effort -- 25-29 year old Female

The person or staff is not aware -- 30-34 year old Female

others do not recycle -- 30-34 year old Female

recycling needs everyone to take part in -- 18-24 year old Female

I don't think it's gonna make any difference -- 25-29 year old Female

No everyone has to recycle -- 30-34 year old Female

Because I believe that world war 3 will kickoff any day -- 30-34 year old Male

It ends up in landfill anyway -- 25-29 year old Male

They don't even recycle it properly -- 30-34 year old Male

It's rich people doing the damage -- 18-24 year old Male

It does not help enough -- 18-24 year old Male

If it is just a tiny misplacemtn, it probably doesn't make a big difference -- 18-24 year old Male

Just feels like being in a place like where I am it wouldnt be done correctly -- 30-34 year old Male

Because it's expensive -- 30-34 year old Male

It doesn't get recycled just moved around -- 30-34 year old Female

who knows if it will be used -- 25-29 year old Male

Alot people sadly don't listen -- 30-34 year old Male

Age 35-54

There is no incentive for people to do it. Either a fine a reward would work -- 35-39 year old Male

it is hard for me to recycle everything. -- 35-39 year old Male

There is a point it's just a lot of resources -- 40-44 year old Male

I get nothing from it, but billionaires make money from our compliance. -- 50-54 year old Male

It all ends up in the waste tips -- 45-49 year old Male

Age 55+

We all have t9 do it correctly and unless thos occurs we are not recycling effectively -- 55-59 year old Female

It is impossible to recycle everything -- 70+ year old Male

No incentives -- 65-69 year old Male

Then earth is doomed and we are just prolonging the agony. I'm glad I'm not going to be here to see it. -- 60-64 year old Male

For me and a lot of older people we know what can be recycled anyway food scraps in the compost for the vegetable patch and garden -- 60-64 year old Female

Reasons for not trusting recycling

B3b Why don't you trust that your recycling will be properly recycled?

Age 18-34

Who knows what they do -- 25-29 year old Female

So many people out there are under the impression that it will all go to landfill anyway. I was always taught to rinse items out before it goes to the bin but others don't do that -- 30-34 year old Female

I didn't follow up the post process -- 30-34 year old Female

because there is no proof that it's happening correctly -- 30-34 year old Female

It came out from Coles that all the recyclign that they had done was jut being stored and then going to landfill -- 25-29 year old Female

I can't tell what happens to it after it gets collected. I can only hope it gets properly recycled.. -- 25-29 year old Female

Because councils admit it -- 30-34 year old Female

Because other people in my apartment put things that aren't supposed to go in the recycle bin -- 25-29 year old Female

It's not labeled clear -- 25-29 year old Female

I don't believe it gets sorted properly because not everyone recycles correctly plus we all saw what happened with our plastic bags -- 30-34 year old Female

no information given -- 18-24 year old Female

Concerns about the load being discarded due to contamination from people recycling incorrectly -- 18-24 year old Female

I'm cautious about the recycling process because I've heard that in some cases, items we think are being recycled may end up in landfills or be incinerated. It's crucial to ensure that recycling programs are transparent and follow sustainable practices -- 18-24 year old Female

As I live in an apartment complex, even with signage there are consistently other people that do not recycle correctly, and as far as I understand, this comprises the entire slip getting recycled -- 30-34 year old Female

Seen on documentaries -- 25-29 year old Female

I see people putting all kind of rubbish into recycle bin which makes it difficult to sort and recycle. -- 30-34 year old Female

The government lies -- 30-34 year old Female

Age 35-54

I don't think we have the man power or resources to do this and it would be an extra cost -- 40-44 year old Female

Dont trust councils -- 40-44 year old Female

A lot of stuff ends up in landfills, just like soft plastic which was collected by supermarkets -- 40-44 year old Female

For example Red cycle...they didn't recycle. -- 40-44 year old Female

Because I've heard stories it all goes to the same place once my rubbish was missed and when they came to collect they tipped both bins in the same truck -- 45-49 year old Female

I think a lot of it just ends up in the general rubbish -- 45-49 year old Female

The process is unknown -- 35-39 year old Female

I was told that all materials collected through recycling bins are sent overseas for sorting and recycling. If this is correct then I have my doubts if the materials are actually being recycled. -- 45-49 year old Female

Because we see all sorts of contaminants thrown into others recycling. -- 50-54 year old Female

Seen that it isnt -- 45-49 year old Female

some will be sold to overseas country -- 35-39 year old Female

Picked up with neighbours bins who put non recyclables in theirs -- 35-39 year old Female

Because recycling plants aren't handling the load -- 35-39 year old Female

Not sure if it does get sorted properly after our building and haven't seen information on what happens -- 35-39 year old Female

Its all a scam. Its really about cost reduction, rather than saving the planet. -- 45-49 year old Male

Issues has been brought up through media, such as A Current Affairs, the News. With saying that the recycle bins are just going to landfill. Not being recycled at all. -- 50-54 year old Female

Because I live in a unit and it's a shared bin. Not every one recycles properly -- 35-39 year old Female

Age 55+

I know for a fact they don't have the facilities to recycle everything and a lot goes to landfill. Also there is so many different types of plastic that I cannot put in the bin and there is no other facilities local to me to recycle everything. -- 70+ year old Female

It costs too much money for companies to recycle and it is being sent overseas -- 55-59 year old Female

heard too many bad story -- 55-59 year old Female

All mixed items in one yellow bin who separate it? -- 60-64 year old Female

I think it's all a big joke, we are all being snowed -- 70+ year old Female

You don't know what happens to your rubbish once it leaves your premises -- 55-59 year old Female

I feel that most of the time although I make the effort to sort through everything it will still end up in landfill. -- 65-69 year old Female

It depends on the different council authorities in your local area -- 70+ year old Female

especially in a unit where not everyone do the right thing -- 60-64 year old Female

I have no evidence but I do sometimes wonder. -- 55-59 year old Female

The example of the supermarket plan for recycling soft plastics was disappointing in its failure, and is an example of what might be happening to other recycling schemes. -- 70+ year old Female

I cannot control our recycle bins. There is confusion or maybe even ignorance within our apartment complex as to proper methods of recycling. Dirty items (like pizza boxes, soiled containers end up in the mixed recycle bin which is against Council recommendations and instructions. So, I'm not sure that council could actually sort this out or it just ends up in landfill. -- 55-59 year old Female

becasue when it leaves my bins I have no idea what happens -- 65-69 year old Female

Watched it on a tv show -- 60-64 year old Female

Too much work -- 65-69 year old Female

New stories uncovering tho ha like soft plastics just in general rubbish dump -- 30-34 year old Female

I've seen stories on where it all ends up -- 25-29 year old Female

We dont see what the company does after they take our rubbish -- 25-29 year old Male

To many people put their recycling in plastic bags and it doesn't get sorted properly -- 18-24 year old Female

I'm just not certain that some of it might necessarily go to landfill -- 30-34 year old Female

I have heard rumours that rubbish is often not recycled properly- I cant remember where from. Social media maybe? -- 18-24 year old Female

Large percentages go to landfill -- 30-34 year old Male

Collapse of providers such as Redcycle -- 30-34 year old Female

I see the bin trucks combine general waste with recyclables. -- 30-34 year old Female

Seeing the amounts of trash everywhere -- 30-34 year old Female

I have seen reports that recycling has somewhat become redundant in Australia and it ends up in landfill anyway -- 30-34 year old Female

lack of personnel and recent closure of companies (ie RedCycle) with some waste being shipped offshore. Doesn't fill me with much optimism on recycling -- 25-29 year old Female

There's not enough information -- 30-34 year old Female

I am worried about the plastics which are not properly recycled -- 30-34 year old Female

I don't know what happens after it is collected -- 30-34 year old Female

I've been told that Victoria doesn't have proper recycling facilities -- 30-34 year old Female

Because I know lots of people who don't recycle properly so I'm not sure how it can work -- 18-24 year old Female

because I have seen stories on the news that recycling is mismanaged -- 25-29 year old Female

Unsure if it is checked and sorted properly -- 25-29 year old Female

The red cycle thing for one - I used to make an effort for that and honestly wasn't it a scam? -- 30-34 year old Female

Lack of facilities -- 40-44 year old Female

Don't always trust government of large organisations trying to make money -- 35-39 year old Female

Have seen news articles showing they aren't all recycled -- 50-54 year old Female

Because there is never any coverage on what actually happens to it -- 35-39 year old Female

Issues with cross contamination No adequate market for recycling -- 40-44 year old Female

Because I have been told it doesn't by people employed in waste management - - 45-49 year old Female

I sometimes wonder or hear things to suggest this might be the case. -- 50-54 year old Female

There's not much transparency in what happens to the recycling once collected. I think a lot of it ends up in landfill unfortunately. -- 35-39 year old Female

I've heard that it sometimes isn't. -- 40-44 year old Female

Since seeing that story when it was all being shipped overseas, now I don't know what happens to it. -- 45-49 year old Female

I don't believe it's sorted through appropriately -- 50-54 year old Female

it all goes in the one -- 40-44 year old Female

Not enough capacity at Australian recycling facilities. Most was going to China and this is not sustainable -- 40-44 year old Male

the system relies on people who make mistakes... significantly more now and more often than pre-Covid. -- 45-49 year old Male

I just get the impression it won't be -- 40-44 year old Female

People are lazy -- 45-49 year old Female

There's Too Much Inconsistent information/reporting about what happens to it -- 35-39 year old Male

Because it has happened before -- 35-39 year old Non-binary

It will probably all go into land fill anyway -- 40-44 year old Female

All the different types are mingled together and can imagine not properly separating -- 35-39 year old Male

Perhaps it will be spoiled by someone else. -- 35-39 year old Male

It's a fact it's been reported in the me8 -- 40-44 year old Male

I hear occasionally that it is not done properly by the people that collect it. I have seen docsos saying it is not always as it should but I will do the right thing anyway -- 70+ year old Female

Because it's too big a job -- 55-59 year old Female

Not sure if recycling is handled correctly -- 70+ year old Female

Everything I've heard suggests that very little actually gets recycled -- 65-69 year old Female

People do the wrong thing -- 55-59 year old Female

As they are asking individuals to do this. Maybe resources are low. -- 60-64 year old Female

there aren't any recycling plants in Australia -- 70+ year old Female

As in the news, the plastic bags were not recycled but instead left in a WHSE. Also, rubbish collectors have been seen and film dumping recycling in land fill -- 55-59 year old Female

There are not enough recycling centres to take on the huge amount of recyclable waste to process, and either ends up dumped as landfill or as has previously happened, we end up with a stockpile of waste. -- 55-59 year old Female

Because I've seen our yellow lid & red lid bins being collected together and out in the same truck -- 65-69 year old Female

Because I'm not sure if they do a proper job -- 55-59 year old Female

I think that it will all go into the one place -- 65-69 year old Female

I've seen all the bins go in the general collection trucks -- 65-69 year old Female

Reports on news say it isnt -- 70+ year old Female

I heard some rumor that the recycling item will go to landfill at the end -- 60-64 year old Female

Have just heard that its not done properly. -- 65-69 year old Female

After seeing what happened with the redcycle company, I believe that some companies can not be bothered -- 60-64 year old Female

some goes straight to land fill -- 60-64 year old Male

I have heard a story on Television about plastic recycling where it was supposed to be recycled but all that happened was that it got stored at a large warehouse. -- 65-69 year old Male

Don't trust the government. -- 70+ year old Female

Because you hear stories pop up all the time about how the laziness of the system just puts it in landfill anyway -- 25-29 year old Female

Because I read only small percentage is recycled and there are lot of stupid people who put recycle in a plastic bag -- 30-34 year old Female

Some will go to landfill -- 18-24 year old Female

A have a friend that is a rubbish truck driver -- 25-29 year old Female

Because some of people just throw their garbage everywhere -- 30-34 year old Female

Because I don't think my state has the facilities to recycle all the different types of things, but I don't know which ones it can do so I assume some recycling just gets put into landfill -- 25-29 year old Female

Sometimes they put unrecycled stuffs -- 25-29 year old Female

People will put the wrong stuff in -- 18-24 year old Female

Because if its even slightly contaminated they dont bother and it goes into landfill -- 30-34 year old Female

Things I've heard from people working at the council -- 30-34 year old Female

I do not know if they have training -- 30-34 year old Female

Since it is a mixed recycling bin, there is no guarantee that items will not be contaminated and therefore unable to be recycled. Sometimes it is difficult to identify the correct plastic number on the carton so sometimes items get placed in the bin that aren't meant to be there. No guarantee at all that everyone else will do the right thing -- 25-29 year old Female

Birds keep flying in and opening the lid -- 30-34 year old Female

There is no way to know for sure that it is being sorted correctly and recycled into new products. It could try well just be dumped or sent overseas. -- 30-34 year old Female

Scandals like the one in Ipswich where everything was going to landfill. -- 25-29 year old Female

General mistrust as exemplified by recent RedCycle issues. -- 30-34 year old Female

Because there is so many different requirements for different items - some can only be recycled with lids still on or you have to make sure everything is clean -- 18-24 year old Female

I think it's hard to know what happens after -- 30-34 year old Female

Who is there to check? -- 45-49 year old Male

Because most of us do not recycle properly and at the end it's too much hassle to properly sort the materials -- 50-54 year old Male

cos i don't really know what happen once it leave my house -- 50-54 year old Male

Because I dont really trust the government they like to appear that they are doing good things but usually its just for votes and show. really they just care about money -- 35-39 year old Male

I'm not 100% sure about where the recycle items go and how they're done according to the legislation and the required standards -- 35-39 year old Male

Because my bins are communal and everyone else throws general rubbish in them -- 45-49 year old Male

I have seen recycling bins dumped in the same truck as normal waste in my shire -- 50-54 year old Male

I heard a lot of stories that everything ending up at landfill. -- 50-54 year old Male

Some idiot down the road will mess up his recycling bin, thus contaminating the whole truck load. -- 40-44 year old Male

media and social media suggest it all ends up in the same spot -- 35-39 year old Male

It is too much of waste to recycle -- 40-44 year old Male

too many news stories about it not happening -- 45-49 year old Male

Not seen how it gets processed -- 40-44 year old Male

Heard reports of recycling going to landfill -- 50-54 year old Male

because that is what i heard about -- 40-44 year old Male

the rubbish may be handled wrongly -- 35-39 year old Female

I'd rather do it myself before it's collected -- 40-44 year old Male

Prior experience, Red recycle other examples -- 50-54 year old Male

There are too many people who put the wrong items in recycling bins or don't sort correctly. This is either because they don't know or don't care. Regardless, the load gets contaminated, if it is uneconomical for council to sort it then it all goes to landfill -- 45-49 year old Male

Seen articles that it's often not -- 40-44 year old Male

Because of history, bad publicity about recycling being stored. Also on occasions, the general waste truck had collect the recycling -- 60-64 year old Female

the material used to be sent overseas for recycling and now it's being stockpiled -- 70+ year old Male

Heath rumours that is all thrown in landfills together. -- 65-69 year old Female

Have seen it all loaded into the same bins -- 70+ year old Female

I live in an apartment building and my partner and I try to monitor the correct items go in the recycling bin. Some people are clearly not interested and just put anything in. So unfortunately the bin can be compromised and will undoubtedly end up in the general rubbish at the tip. -- 70+ year old Female

I honestly don't think that council workers take the trouble to go through the recycling bins properly. Also there are people who don't put recueded tiems in the correct recycyleing bins. -- 65-69 year old Female

There have been issues with recycling companies. -- 55-59 year old Female

I just don't. -- 60-64 year old Female

After the bins are going to the tip the worker don't sort out the recycling bins -- 70+ year old Female

Because of the collapse of Redcycle, who just stockpiled huge amounts of plastic waste. -- 65-69 year old Female

no facilities for doing so -- 65-69 year old Female

Too many recycling places are closing, going broke or simply inadequate -- 70+ year old Female

Because it has been reported -- 70+ year old Female

Most councils do not have the facilities to deal the huge amounts -- 70+ year old Female

That workers don't care & get messy -- 60-64 year old Female

I have seen plenty of stories in the media about how it goes to landfill -- 55-59 year old Male

If recycling results in higher costs, then I don't think my local authority is all that interested in undertaking the task. -- 70+ year old Male

Just hear stories that people have observed recycling just being dumped -- 70+ year old Male

Because I've heard stories that it isn't properly recycled. -- 65-69 year old Male

There are no facilities to do so -- 60-64 year old Male

Maybe is not the case in Australia, but in my home country everything was thrown away same way, just a formality. Since then, I tend to mistrust -- 30-34 year old Male

I believe that people at facilities can be lazy -- 25-29 year old Male

lack of transparency on what happens -- 30-34 year old Male

I read the news that finally they will all go to land fill -- 30-34 year old Male

At times cost of recycling is more -- 30-34 year old Male

I just don't know where it's going -- 30-34 year old Male

Workers show little care, people throw items in bins when out on the kerb. -- 30-34 year old Female

Because employees are lazy -- 25-29 year old Male

I don't think someone is going to sit through and sort it all out -- 18-24 year old Female

Government is terrible at this stuff -- 25-29 year old Male

The Asians take it all -- 30-34 year old Male

Because most recycling is contaminated and one wrong item ruins the whole lot -- 25-29 year old Female

Some of it will go into landfill -- 30-34 year old Male

online sources -- 18-24 year old Male

For a while in Geelong it was revealed that the council was making no effort with the city's recycling. It was all just going to landfill. I have heard that it is being rectified, but I have seen no evidence supporting this. -- 25-29 year old Female

After seeing the RED bag recycling fail -- 30-34 year old Male

Some companies don't have the best record. Also cross contamination by people doing the wrong thing can lead to loads being rejected. -- 30-34 year old Male

because statistically more than 50% gets landfilled -- 25-29 year old Male

Don't know what happens to it -- 25-29 year old Male

I worry that a lot of it is sent to general waste when it is contaminated. -- 30-34 year old Female

I just don't think it would be 100% -- 25-29 year old Female

its hard work to do it -- 30-34 year old Male

Goes to the same place -- 25-29 year old Male

I do not trust that the recycling will get recycled properly -- 35-39 year old Female

Cost -- 45-49 year old Male

I've heard that it doesn't because recycling is expensive -- 50-54 year old Female

I'm not sure of the full process. Things you hear about, not being recycled properly. Need to be educated properly. -- 40-44 year old Female

Saw old waste collector picking up recycling and waste in same truck. See that most people put waste in recycling - therefore it is contaminated. Council and state do not have facilities to recycle all items. Recycle - need I say more? There is a lack of recycled items to purchase - therefore there can't be many items recycled. -- 40-44 year old Female

The texting plant has not been regulated, take for example with one of the supermarkets contractor that left recycling untouched -- 50-54 year old Male

I don't think they do the right thing -- 50-54 year old Male

Cause I don't know what happens with it -- 45-49 year old Female

Seems expensive for the return value yielded longterm -- 35-39 year old Male

Some people still confuse the different types of plastic -- 35-39 year old Male

Because if it's dirty I think it won't be recycled -- 40-44 year old Female

there is some bad media about recycling -- 50-54 year old Male

I don't think there's enough resources to recycle it -- 45-49 year old Female

I didn't see this happen with my own eyes and been hearing weird stories -- 50-54 year old Male

because i watch the garbage truck just put all the bins into one truck regardless of the colors on the lids red yellow purple all the bins go in the same truck of a weekday morning here -- 45-49 year old Male

I can't see any evidence for recycling -- 35-39 year old Female

seen the garbage disposal all going in one truck -- 50-54 year old Male

No idea where it goes. Transparency could be better? -- 40-44 year old Female

Because it will be put where most economical and I don't trust that the ethical side is overruled more than money. -- 35-39 year old Male

I see the same truck incl. number plate, pick up my garbage bin and return 30 minutes later for my recycling bin. -- 50-54 year old Male

Townsville waste management can not be trusted -- 45-49 year old Female

I seen it, most of it doesn't -- 40-44 year old Male

I saw on the news that a lot of it ends up in landfill -- 65-69 year old Male

I never see it done so cannot tell or hear about it. -- 70+ year old Male

I do trust that it will be properly recycled by the Council -- 55-59 year old Male

Lazy authorities -- 70+ year old Male

News reports -- 70+ year old Male

the whole system is too ambiguous and those in charge have lied too often -- 60-64 year old Male

I don't believe we do it properly due to not having enough bins and I don't think the council would have time to do it done properly. -- 65-69 year old Female

Too many questions about recycling companies -- 60-64 year old Male

I am not sure that the mixed recycling is actually sorted out. Recycling companies have gone bust recently. -- 65-69 year old Male

How do I know where it actually goes and what happens to it once JJ Richards collect my recycling bin from the kerbside -- 65-69 year old Female

Don't think all items would be recycled, but some would which is better than not doing -- 60-64 year old Male

see how rubbish is collected and put in trucks -- 65-69 year old Male

I have heard stories online. -- 55-59 year old Female

I have seen reports showing shortcuts and unnecessary items going in to landfill -- 70+ year old Male

No facilities in this town -- 60-64 year old Male

Lack of proper recycling facilities -- 60-64 year old Female

I have no idea where the 'recycle' materials go, how they are sorted & categorised, who decides what is what, and local councils are notorious for not necessarily doing what's actually necessary. -- 65-69 year old Male

insufficient capacity of recycling centres -- 55-59 year old Male

I don't know what is going at the end -- 70+ year old Female

It is too costly to recycle, it is stock piled and none -- 65-69 year old Male

I believe with everything mixed together makes it too hard -- 65-69 year old Female

I find it confusing -- 55-59 year old Female

From what I've seen and read there's serious issues at recycling facilities -- 55-59 year old Male

It's done by human -- 25-29 year old Male
Because I have seen recycling trucks go to landfill -- 18-24 year old Female
We never get to see what happens behind the scenes -- 25-29 year old Male
Redcycle debarkle -- 25-29 year old Male
a lot of things don't get recycled -- 25-29 year old Male
I work in the construction industry, and I've been to a few recycling plants. They told me that over 60% of items in recycling bins end up in landfill -- 18-24 year old Male
there's too much to deal with -- 30-34 year old Male
collection car could not collect bins properly -- 30-34 year old Male
because some people in my apartment would mix them -- 30-34 year old Male
people are too lazy to do the right thing -- 30-34 year old Male
I can't see what happens to it after I put it in the bin -- 30-34 year old Male
There have been reports of councils putting all waste into landfill -- 30-34 year old Female
Well I took all my soft plastics to Coles to be recycled and found out later that they just got stored in a warehouse and NEVER RECYCLED when the company went bust. So now this wakes me think what other recycling is not getting recycled? -- 18-24 year old Male
If recycle capacity is full I've heard they just dump it. Or if it's contaminated it all goes to landfill -- 30-34 year old Female
Because i have a shared bin in our complex -- 30-34 year old Male
I believe some of it will end up in land fill and only a small portion is actually recycled -- 30-34 year old Male
Because we're assuming that everyone who works in recycling will do their jobs properly, ie. Pick it up correctly, transport correctly, take to the right place, sorted correctly etc. There's bound to be one person who cant be bothered along that chain. -- 30-34 year old Female
Because I do not know what happens after -- 30-34 year old Male
have heard things that it is not put into a proper areas -- 30-34 year old Female
You just never know what happens behind the scenes -- 18-24 year old Female
Not clear on how the items are processed and whether there are specific requirements for recycling items -- 30-34 year old Female
I just don't -- 25-29 year old Male

have watched a documentary about recycling and that's how I found out about it -- 50-54 year old Male
No recycling plants locally. Common knowledge the recycling trucks are emptied at the local dump. -- 45-49 year old Female
Have heard it all goes to landfill from my council -- 40-44 year old Male
The council dump recycling in landfill if there is too much contamination -- 50-54 year old Female
I hear too often that our recycling just ends up in landfill which is heartbreaking. -- 35-39 year old Female
Because there have been too many incidences of recyclable good going to landfill recently. Soft plastics, for example. -- 50-54 year old Non-binary
heard it ends up in landfill -- 40-44 year old Male
if some people don't recycle properly then it will all just end up in landfill anyway -- 35-39 year old Female
Media -- 45-49 year old Male
Too many stories of good recycling products going to waste fill in the media -- 35-39 year old Male
I feel that organisations will just take the easy way out. -- 35-39 year old Male
Human nature -- 50-54 year old Non-binary
Have seen many of times that any truck picks up any color bin. a lot of humans don't bother putting into right bins so everything is mixed and don't see that the company's would employ so many to sort this out from normal to recycling. -- 45-49 year old Female
I heard many times that it gets mixed when collecting is very busy -- 45-49 year old Male
Councils are always cutting corners and costs, recycling is just another form to be abused. -- 40-44 year old Male
Companies want to make a quick buck so they would likely cut corners -- 40-44 year old Male
there was on news one times. even we put different BIN, coucil just dumped on one spot all mied -- 45-49 year old Male
End up in landfill sometimes -- 40-44 year old Male
Because I have seen first hand what happens -- 35-39 year old Male
Because I doubt it happens -- 50-54 year old Female

It does not matter how well I recycle if my Neighbour's recycle badly. That could mean the whole load goes to land fill -- 60-64 year old Male
Reports previoully -- 65-69 year old Male
I hear reports in the media that stuff is not processed -- 70+ year old Male
councils are lazy and dishonest -- 70+ year old Male
Just some reporting by the media, recycling being dumped into landfill -- 65-69 year old Male
Councils reducing or trying to cut costs -- 70+ year old Male
Too many stories/photos showing recycling being dumped into landfill -- 55-59 year old Male
Because I saw The War on Waste where the recycling trucks were tracked/followed and showed the pick ups weren't recycled at all. -- 60-64 year old Female
I've heard it becomes to difficult to separate the recycling from general waste as too many people don't do the right thing. -- 55-59 year old Male
just dont trust bigger companies -- 55-59 year old Female
I have seen where recycling is thrown in a skip bin with general rubbish!!! -- 55-59 year old Female
i saw a show on tv. The plastic and cardboard were being stored -- 55-59 year old Male
mostly anecdotal online and from mates who know -- 70+ year old Male
Feel I have seen news reports about recycling materials being stockpiled and not processed. There was also the Redcycling scheme which was a bit of a fiasco. -- 55-59 year old Male
From what is known and reported about recycling hubs -- 70+ year old Male
Too many times recycling has been picked up by rubbish truck providers -- 55-59 year old Male
I believe recyclers do their best but no system is perfect -- 70+ year old Male
because of reports of it not happening eg plastics at supermarkets -- 70+ year old Male
ALot goes to landfill -- 70+ year old Female
I have read that a lit goes into landfill..so bad!!! -- 70+ year old Female
Not sure if process is correct -- 60-64 year old Male

Because no one takes enough care -- 30-34 year old Female

I've heard stories from people saying they've tracked where their recycling has gone to and they all end up in the landfill -- 30-34 year old Female

Media reports that it isn't -- 30-34 year old Female

Media news suggests it all gets lumped and just dumped in another country to be sorted -- 18-24 year old Female

No oversight of what happens to it once it leaves the property. -- 30-34 year old Female

I have no evidence that recycling is done properly. I once did an online search on recycling in Victoria and it did not come up with any useful information -- 35-39 year old Male

Seen on a tv. program plastic waste not recycled in big shopping containers and in warehouses. -- 50-54 year old Female

They just bury it -- 50-54 year old Male

Too much contamination. -- 40-44 year old Male

News reports in the past -- 50-54 year old Male

I have heard that if 1 item in the bin is non recyclable then the entire bin is taken to landfill. -- 35-39 year old Female

I heard that they all go to landfill -- 35-39 year old Male

I don't know what happens to it so I'm not sure -- 40-44 year old Male

Who knows where recycling goes after it is collected. I don't trust the administrator of our local council. -- 50-54 year old Female

It's probably stockpiled like all that soft plastics last year -- 50-54 year old Male

I have heard things in the media and from people -- 50-54 year old Male

Because I think it all goes to same place and is not recycled the way it's meant to -- 40-44 year old Male

Because of what happened with the RedCycle program -- 40-44 year old Female

You just don't really know what happens. And I wonder if some of my items are too dirty so just get thrown out anyway -- 40-44 year old Female

Because a lot of our recycling ends up in landfill particularly if there is the slightest bit of contamination -- 35-39 year old Female

Because it has been shown many times that all bins go to one facility to be dumped. -- 45-49 year old Female

Because people can be lazy and complacent -- 40-44 year old Male

It's reported that there are warehouses full of the stuff. -- 40-44 year old Male

I just hear stories in the news where the recycling is just dumped somewhere or shipped overseas -- 35-39 year old Male

Sometimes I feel it might just get put in rubbish -- 35-39 year old Male

Too many things get put in which shouldn't -- 50-54 year old Female

Because it must be overwhelming the amount that arrives to be recycled -- 50-54 year old Female

I don't think it will get sorted correctly -- 35-39 year old Male

Just comments I have heard and I doubt that they would be able to recycle all the materials. -- 70+ year old Female

One of my friends told me that Victoria has no recycling facility and all the collected materials are sent overseas for recycling -- 55-59 year old Male

Not sure about our council's recycling system as I have heard stories from other people in the area that it seems to all go into the same collection truck -- 60-64 year old Female

I think some places will just not be bothered and put all the rubbish together instead of separating it -- 55-59 year old Female

Some councils don't do the right thing -- 70+ year old Male

Too much goes to landfill. -- 70+ year old Male

Some councils just don't invest in the infrastructure required. It should be legislated. -- 70+ year old Male

Because I know people in the industry -- 55-59 year old Male

News stories of recyclables being burnt. -- 65-69 year old Male

Because others will not recycle correctly and will put household waste into the wrong bin -- 65-69 year old Male

Unfortunately with all the negative publicity and feedback that is being shown in reference to the recycling being properly recycled it makes me wonder -- 60-64 year old Male

You hear stories all the time on TV that recycling goes to landfill -- 65-69 year old Female

There is no transparency on the process and clearly by looking at items other residents of my apartment complex throw into the recycling bin I would not be surprised if sometimes those items mean the whole load cannot be considered for recycling. -- 60-64 year old Male

Cost -- 65-69 year old Male

I have seen waste dumped into landfill and not properly sorted out for recycling -- 65-69 year old Male

Historical and empirical evidence based on data researched by me. -- 55-59 year old Male

BECAUSE IT'S NOT IN MY EYESIGHT -- 55-59 year old Female

I don't think that companies are properly resourced to properly recycle all items they receive -- 55-59 year old Male

Past experience shows it going into landfill -- 60-64 year old Male

Not really sure on how it will be processed and sorted -- 35-39 year old Male
There's always someone who will cut corners and stuff up everyone else effort
in this society it's all about lack of time and need of money -- 40-44 year old
Female

Just from what is reported. -- 70+ year old Male
I have seen the plastic storage facilities -- 55-59 year old Male
I have heard reports of some areas putting everything to landfill. -- 55-59 year
old Female
I've heard that in my area, they truck the recycling to the city and it goes to
rubbish rather than recycled. -- 55-59 year old Female
I have no knowledge of how the recycled goods are sorted and dealt with. It
isnt a well publicised fact. We need the council to tell us how they deal with our
recycled rubbish otherwise we may jump to conclusions that are not fact. -- 60-
64 year old Female
Local and state governments are dishonest so why would you beleive anything
theysay -- 70+ year old Male
Just how I feel. -- 70+ year old Male
Seems unlikely -- 60-64 year old Male
Media coverage -- 60-64 year old Female
Stories u hear about dumping once taken away -- 65-69 year old Male
I wonder if the rubbish us recycled or just thrown out once it reaches the end
process. -- 65-69 year old Female
There have been too many schemes that have turned out to be fuphies, like
Red Cycle, exporting to China etc. -- 70+ year old Male
I have observed waste collectors putting recycling in general waste trucks.
There was one occassion I observed the red, green & yellow bin being collected
into the same truck. -- 70+ year old Male
Too many reports of incorrect handling! -- 70+ year old Male
The ACT plant burnt down some time ago so not confident since that it goes
to the right place -- 55-59 year old Female
people dont care -- 65-69 year old Male
Too many news reports of recycling being dumped. -- 70+ year old Male
too much effort by council staff -- 70+ year old Male
I have seen reports of recycled material being dumped with normal household
waste at tips where the council contracted waste collectors operate. -- 70+ year
old Male
things I've heard on the news -- 60-64 year old Female

News stories seem to suggest that some local councils lack diligence in this regard -- 60-64 year old Male

I don't think that we have the capacity to handle the amount of recyclable materials that are currently being produced - every now and then there are news articles on such recyclables being stockpiled -- 55-59 year old Male

Don't see it happening -- 70+ year old Male

there is too much mixing of all sorts of disposable items thrown in the one bin and ultimately the pick up vehicle used by the council -- 70+ year old Male

Read so much about over supply of recycling materials. Once it is taken away there is not much information on where it goes or the process from there. -- 60-64 year old Female

Effort required to recycle economically is not achievable -- 55-59 year old Male
greenwaste is ok, goes to compositing companies and have bough that product, but plastics, carboard, metal etc where is the publicity, auditable data etc from Council -- 70+ year old Male

because i believe because there are mixed (cardboard, glass) all in one that it is not seperated -- 55-59 year old Female

Previous stories in the media. -- 55-59 year old Male

Other motivations for recycling

B4 Which of the following are motivations for you to recycle? - Other (please specify)

Age 18-34

I recycle my old clothes by selling so it's a way to make money -- 25-29 year old Female

Save money -- 25-29 year old Male

Containers for change -- 18-24 year old Female

Age 35-54

Our trash bin isn't big enough for the recycling to fit in as well -- 35-39 year old Female

get paid cash -- 45-49 year old Male

recently they have been paying for bottles and cans -- 45-49 year old Male

My household waste bin is too small so we have to recycle -- 40-44 year old Female

So my waste bin don't fill up to much only emptied once a fortnight -- 40-44 year old Female

Age 55+

For my children -- 60-64 year old Female

to raise money for good causes -- 70+ year old Female

To avoid fines -- 70+ year old Male

Other facilitators of personal recycling

B5 What would help you recycle more? - Other (please specify)

Age 18-34

More bins to further sort types of recyclables -- 30-34 year old Female

Age 35-54

Accessible drop off points at places I frequently go. -- 40-44 year old Female

If the neighbours I share the bins with weren't misusing them -- 40-44 year old Male

Age 55+

Somewhere for red recycling (return to store) -- 60-64 year old Female

Would be great if we had a food recycling mini bins for the kitchen and recycling bin bags for it -- 55-59 year old Female

Bigger general waste bin or one that is emptied weekly. If this bin becomes full then if in doubt it goes in recycling bin -- 60-64 year old Male

People that don't recycle should be penalised -- 65-69 year old Male

same recycling items Australia wide.....plastics are the hardest items to know -- 70+ year old Female

National consistency of labelling and/or between councils. If I see a triangle symbol on something, it goes in my recyclables bin. I'm never going to remember what numbers my council can handle or can't. -- 65-69 year old Male

if there were more accessible recycling facilities for electrical / electronic waste -- 70+ year old Male

Other societal barriers to recycling

B6 Those questions were about your personal motivations and challenges in recycling – what do you think are the **biggest barriers within today's society** to recycling? Please select all that apply. - Other barrier (please specify)

Age 18-34

laziness -- 18-24 year old Female

poor education -- 25-29 year old Female

Clear information for households about what can be recycled in kerbside bins -- 30-34 year old Female

people are lazy and are uneducated -- 18-24 year old Male

Age 35-54

Laziness -- 50-54 year old Female

Not know what is and isn't recyclable -- 40-44 year old Female

lack of financial incentives -- 45-49 year old Male

Young people couldn't care less about recycling -- 40-44 year old Male

ignorance and apathy of some of the public -- 50-54 year old Male

Too many people are ignorant of how to sort recyclables or don't care to do the right thing -- 45-49 year old Male

Knowing what you should and shouldn't recycle -- 35-39 year old Male

Lack of drop off points and messaging -- 40-44 year old Female

competition -- 45-49 year old Male

Humans are just too lazy -- 35-39 year old Male

Age 55+

Complacency -- 65-69 year old Female

People can be lazy or illiterate when it comes to recycling. A example is people placing plastic bags in a garbage bin that shouldn't be there as it can not be recycled -- 55-59 year old Female

people being inconsiderate -- 70+ year old Male

Education -- 55-59 year old Female

I think people are just lazy -- 55-59 year old Female

Laziness -- 55-59 year old Male

inconsistency within the system -- 60-64 year old Male

People are too stupid and lazy to follow simple instructions -- 55-59 year old Female

Laziness of many people. Access to disposable items eg: Furniture from IKEA -- 65-69 year old Male

What to do with all the recycled items -- 60-64 year old Female

Lack of interest -- 70+ year old Male

Too lazy easier to throw in road -- 70+ year old Male

People educated about recycling -- 65-69 year old Male

The belief that sustainability is somebody else's responsibility -- 65-69 year old Male

people who don't think it is important who are deniers of any danger in not preserving our resources and potential future benefits.t -- 70+ year old Male

Failure of government to ensure that the true cost of products, including packaging and recycling thereof, are reflected in costs charged by manufacturers and responsibility for recycling is borne by manufacturers. This is symptomatic of the last 40-odd years of irresponsible, negligent, hands-off-the wheel government, driven by neoliberal dogma, vested interests, and laziness. -- 65-69 year old Male

could not care attitude of some -- 70+ year old Male

Other barriers to taking batteries to a specialized drop-off location

G3 Which of the following are reasons why you would **NOT** take items like batteries, old laptops or mobile phones to a **specialised drop-off location**? Select as many as apply. - Another reason (please tell us what)

Age 18-34

time -- 18-24 year old Female

There is no close drop off location that I'm aware of -- 25-29 year old Female

Don't want to have to keep them at home until I have a pile to take -- 30-34 year old Male

Age 35-54

Don't have these facilities here where I live -- 50-54 year old Female

Of they are still lgood I'll try sell them first .not sure where to take them if they are no good -- 45-49 year old Female

limited time and place -- 45-49 year old Male

Batteries are very different to old laptops or phones -- 40-44 year old Male

I don't drive -- 45-49 year old Male

security reasons such as accessing old data or info on the smartphone or laptop -- 45-49 year old Male

Age 55+

you need to be informed -- 70+ year old Female

There is no specialised drop=off location available -- 70+ year old Female

No vehicle to get there -- 70+ year old Female

one has to pay those who receive them -- 60-64 year old Male

So they can't poison the environment where they get 'dumped'! -- 65-69 year old Male

Privacy concerns -- 60-64 year old Female

i would sell them -- 70+ year old Male

I will take them to someone that can reuse the parts -- 65-69 year old Male

Travel time -- 65-69 year old Male

I can't get around easily and nor can I drive -- 70+ year old Female

I believe there's a cost to taking to them to a specialised drop-off location, and would be pleased to learn that this is incorrect. Also, I have called the local recycling facility to ask what should happen with LED light-globes, and they couldn't tell me, leaving me wondering whether they should go in general rubbish or recyclables. If the recycling facility can't tell me, how am I meant to know? -- 65-69 year old Male

do not have the transport to specialised recycle locations -- 70+ year old Male
they may be reused by someone if they still work (laptops/ mobiles) -- 70+ year old Male

Other comments on disposing of batteries

G8 Is there anything you would like to say about disposing of batteries?

Age 18-34

Make it more widely known where they can be dropped off -- 30-34 year old Female

There needs to be more awareness put out there on social media etc. It is not common knowledge and I know a lot of people that just place them straight into the bin (general waste). -- 30-34 year old Female

I always forget to take them with me so they just build up -- 30-34 year old Female

Disposing batteries in a proper way is good for us and the environment -- 30-34 year old Female

I think more people need to be made aware of the importance of it! -- 25-29 year old Female

Please show us what you do with them and how there recycled or explained how -- 25-29 year old Male

I wanna know where I can dispose my vapes -- 18-24 year old Female

They should be available in nearby locations so that people can dispose easily -- 25-29 year old Female

I dont use lots of batteries for appliances anymore but have still kept all of my old phones at home. I have been inspired to go to the recycling centre now to dispose of them correctly. -- 18-24 year old Female

Difficult and tedious -- 30-34 year old Male

I don't think there is enough awareness of how to properly dispose of them. -- 30-34 year old Female

should be more information or advertising on where to dispose - make more obvious -- 25-29 year old Female

I wish it was easier. And i wish there was an incentive -- 25-29 year old Female

It would be easier if woolies had the disapoble option more clearly signed, I've never seen it!! -- 30-34 year old Female

Don't really do it. Would google it if I needed to -- 25-29 year old Female

I did not know about recycling or disposing them properly -- 30-34 year old Female

Age 35-54

I try to recycle and not waste anything but we still need to make more effort to save our environment -- 40-44 year old Female

Best thing to do is take them to a drop off zone -- 45-49 year old Female

need more convenient places to throw them -- 40-44 year old Female

There should be an easier way of disposing of them. -- 45-49 year old Male

Would be good to advertise where the batteries can be disposed at -- 50-54 year old Female

That I will endeavour to always dispose of correctly now I know all the dangers involved -- 45-49 year old Female

It's annoying -- 35-39 year old Female

Office works has disposable battery bins -- 35-39 year old Female

disposing of batteries should dispose in a safe batteries boxes, which it protects from caught a fire in the future -- 45-49 year old Female

I didn't even think about them being hazardous. -- 45-49 year old Female

I didn't know shops offer this service It needs to be advertised more so people are aware -- 50-54 year old Female

People need to be reminded to put them in a jar and collect them at home, an education campaign would be good as some people don't even think twice before putting it into landfil -- 40-44 year old Female

People are stupid. Take them to the right place and get paid cash. -- 45-49 year old Male

I think there should be an awareness campaign -- 50-54 year old Male

I usually sell them to people who buy batteries especially the car one -- 45-49 year old Female

It is FINALLY good that there are more options to dispose batteries More education is needed on this -- 40-44 year old Male

It should be done properly as it can be harmful I put in regular bin -- 40-44 year old Male

It is a problem that needs a lot of attention -- 35-39 year old Male

Age 55+

Is it true that terminals must be covered with stickytape? -- 70+ year old Female

It is easy but container is sometimes full -- 60-64 year old Female

You should do it, it's very important. As a retired registered nurse who worked in an emergency department, I once looked after a toddler who went through their waste bin and pulled out two button batteries and swallowed them! This toddler was in intensive care for three weeks and nearly died. Thankfully he didn't but he destroyed his large bowel and has to wear a colostomy bag for a few years until a surgical reversal can be done to repair. It's a horrible story which could have been much worse, but hopefully will have a good outcome. -- 70+ year old Female

One needs to take personal responsibility for recycling -- 70+ year old Female

Not all Coles, Woolworths, Big W and Bunnings have this drop off locations. -- 55-59 year old Female

Despise of batteries wisely because they can be dangerouse -- 65-69 year old Female

It's easy to drop off when you do your grocery shopping. Much safer and responsible thing to do as the alternatives have serious consequences. -- 70+ year old Female

My son wouldn't let me put them in the normal bin. -- 60-64 year old Female

It should be on the local council website -- 60-64 year old Female

The collection bins are not well advertised enough or well signed enough. -- 70+ year old Female

Would be great if council provides directly to households information of disposal sites for batteries in the local community. -- 55-59 year old Female

Why are the lithium batteries so dangerous when left charging -- 65-69 year old Female

Perhaps more warnings in ways of ads on the radio and television networks could help people understand or fines/warning if it's discovered that people are being irresponsible about what they're doing -- 55-59 year old Female

It's easy I often go to Coles -- 60-64 year old Female

I had no idea about the previous drop-off points at places like coles and woolies. I wish I knew about this because I would definitely use this because it is convenient. -- 30-34 year old Female

More information about batteries would be handy. -- 25-29 year old Female

Super easy, know it needs to be done safely -- 30-34 year old Female

It's ok. But a bit out of the way -- 30-34 year old Male

I am not sure everytime where to go -- 30-34 year old Male

It should be made easily accessible yes -- 30-34 year old Male

I think the information on how to do it must be spread -- 25-29 year old Male

Hope there can be some incentives -- 30-34 year old Male

It's easy enough to do -- 30-34 year old Male

Yes do it the right way for the environment -- 25-29 year old Male

Might be easier if curbside battery disposal was introduced. People love convenience and I have seen plenty of people throw out their batteries because they couldn't be bothered. -- 25-29 year old Female

More locations plz -- 30-34 year old Male

More awareness is need to improve battery recycling such as drop off points -- 30-34 year old Male

everyone should do it -- 30-34 year old Male

i've never actually realised what they were until just now. they are green. bloody awesome idea!!! -- 25-29 year old Female

If more places could do it it would make it easier -- 30-34 year old Male

Clearer instructions of what the right thing to do is and how to dispose of them correctly -- 30-34 year old Male

I think everyone should dispose batteries in the right way -- 18-24 year old Male

needs more promotion and clearly lable locations across all locations. More simplistic to recognise collection -- 25-29 year old Male

Needs to be easier to dispose -- 30-34 year old Male

I would like some government provided facilities you -- 30-34 year old Male

it's the right thing to do -- 18-24 year old Female

This is information that should be sent to each home, like they do with the phonebook, including instructions on how to recycle waste appropriately. At the moment, the attitude seems to just be "just google it" which can get confusing because it seems to differ by council area. -- 30-34 year old Female

Council should provide this information clearly. They dont give a damn when we park our cars even for 1 minutes extra, they should sort out recycling issues. -- 35-39 year old Male

I wish there was more places to drop them off -- 35-39 year old Male

More access is needed -- 35-39 year old Male

Well I always just thought they went in with the rubbish -- 40-44 year old Male

I need to know the exact location of where to dispose batteries -- 35-39 year old Male

It needs to be done for the benefited of the planet -- 45-49 year old Male

Retailers should include the availability of battery drop off in their TV advertising -- 40-44 year old Male

It's inconvenient than normal waste but should be done anyway -- 35-39 year old Male

Its important to do the right thing -- 40-44 year old Male

We need more drop off points -- 35-39 year old Male

I'm really glad I learned about it -- 35-39 year old Male

If there's clear advice on what to do with old batteries then when required I would follow that advice -- 40-44 year old Male

More available knowledge to the community on where they can be dropped off -- 35-39 year old Female

More info needs to be out there -- 35-39 year old Male

Battery packs should educate people how and why to dispose of properly. Every store that sells batteries should recycle them (eg: Kmart, Reject shop, etc). There should be more encouragement for organisations to have recycling on premises (eg: offices, store fronts, etc). -- 40-44 year old Female

We need to recycle these more -- 35-39 year old Male

I th8nk electric car batteries are a risk -- 40-44 year old Female

There should be a drop off point at fuel stations as everyone stops for fuel -- 45-49 year old Female

Do the right thing for the environment -- 50-54 year old Male

Let us know where ans people will do it -- 45-49 year old Male

have a place in more areas -- 50-54 year old Female

It is essential that disposing of Batteries is done in the safest method possible. We are seeing how dangerous Batteries are that are still currently being used catching fire and burning down properties. Everything must be done to inform the community of the correct process. -- 65-69 year old Male

All apartment complexes should have bins, outside, to collect these items. -- 70+ year old Female

learnt something about batteries! -- 70+ year old Female

I didn't know that the supermarkets have this facility for disposing of batteries. It certainly is extremely handy to know. Thank you ! -- 65-69 year old Female

Its what we should do -- 60-64 year old Female

I think it's pretty easy and convenient to dispose of them at dominated locations -- 55-59 year old Female

We rarely have loose batteries but when we do, they go into a container to be taken by friends to thetip -- 70+ year old Female

It would be good if there was more information about where to dispose batteries. -- 65-69 year old Female

No other than it is a big problem and who knows how Solar panels and EV batteries will be successfully recycled in the future?? -- 65-69 year old Male

In answering previous questions, I did not know if you were referring to torch batteries or car batteries. -- 70+ year old Male

I dispose of tiny hearing aid batteries in my general bin -- 70+ year old Male

make it better known and make it more accessible -- 70+ year old Male

Bigger batteries are often not fitting in the slots. Bigger slots please -- 60-64 year old Male

Obviously it has to be done the right way! -- 60-64 year old Male

It is very important that batteries are disposed of in the correct manner. -- 65-69 year old Male

i'd like to know how to wrap them etc -- 70+ year old Male

I do not use many. -- 70+ year old Male

DISPOSE OF PROPERLY -- 70+ year old Male

Officeworks also collect old batteries -- 65-69 year old Male

there needs to be a clear, consistent and national system for this - right now it's too confusing and ambiguous -- 60-64 year old Male

It is pretty easy. -- 65-69 year old Male

I think its very important, i have never thrown batteries in the bin -- 18-24 year old Male

There needs to be more information available, or put out to the public about batteries. I know many people who did not know you were not supposed to throw out batteries in general waste. -- 25-29 year old Female

It is inconvenient to keep it on the side and rememeber to recycle -- 30-34 year old Male

Don't really know much information regarding disposing where -- 30-34 year old Male

Convenience is the most important thing in motivating me to recycle batteries - - 30-34 year old Female

If we can't put them in the bin, then there needs to be easy and convenient drop off locations that everyone can access and an advertising campaign to inform people about what to do. -- 45-49 year old Male

More information -- 40-44 year old Male

It would be great if there were easy to access drop off locations closer to home. -- 45-49 year old Male

I have taken them to Aldi before and I have more I am saving up in a bag to drop of at Aldi at some point in the future. -- 40-44 year old Male

There should be a refund to get the lazy people to do ot -- 35-39 year old Male

There needs to be letter box drop offs for all households that can be put on the fridge etc. for better understanding. -- 45-49 year old Female

officeworks -- 45-49 year old Male

Make it easier and advertise the drop off points -- 45-49 year old Female

I am very careful disposing of batteries. -- 35-39 year old Male

We all need to do the right thing and dispose of things correctly. -- 50-54 year old Female

It is so hard to dispose of -- 35-39 year old Male

It would be easier if there are more locaions. -- 50-54 year old Male

if you dispose of them correctly, they dont become dangerous -- 50-54 year old Male

I will make an effort to learn and educate myself more about batteries disposable -- 35-39 year old Male

There should be a bin for batteries disposal in front of every store sale batteries or every resident area -- 35-39 year old Male

Needs careful treatment -- 70+ year old Male

Will try to dispose of them properly -- 65-69 year old Male

There needs to be a concentrated public 'Ad' campaign thru ALL media, etc, stressing the dangers and various consequences of battery degradation and its' effects! -- 65-69 year old Male

Understand the safety and hazards -- 70+ year old Male

it is more safe like that -- 70+ year old Female

The fire risk is significant -- 70+ year old Male

I would like more information in the general community -- 60-64 year old Male

Just do the right thing -- 70+ year old Female

Should be done -- 65-69 year old Male

taking them to a special drop off place is inconvenient. They should be incorporated into the council pick up system. -- 60-64 year old Male

do the right thing -- 70+ year old Male

I think of myself as one who does the right thing by reecycling but had no idea that these retailers accepted these items. It definitely should be advertised more. -- 55-59 year old Male

you have to dispose carefully because of fires -- 55-59 year old Female

we need to make safer batteries that are not made lithium -- 65-69 year old Male

People can get injured handling tjem in landfill -- 60-64 year old Male

Can be easily forgotten -- 70+ year old Male

need to get in habit to remember to dispose of. -- 65-69 year old Male

Unfortunately I think most people just throw them away. -- 65-69 year old Male

Need for more local drop off point to be made known -- 70+ year old Male

Too many people just put them in general rubbish. -- 70+ year old Male

Unfortunately the public has to be educated as I've seen dead batteries on footpaths and in parks -- 60-64 year old Male

It's common sense -- 60-64 year old Male

i always collect them and take them to a disposal center -- 70+ year old Male

Do it correctly -- 70+ year old Male

we keep our old ones in a ziplock bag until we are going past a recycling location -- 55-59 year old Male

They must be disposed of correctly to avoid acid dripping into landfill. -- 65-69 year old Female

It's the right thing to do of course. maybe to make it more attractive to consumers by using the 10c model from plastic bottles or slimmer -- 60-64 year old Male

Itself important -- 60-64 year old Male

Still can't get to those places for batteries...for things like laptops etc I pay someone to take away -- 70+ year old Female

Always go to the collection point. These things are poisonous and dangerous. Partic button batteries - they can kill you! .- -- 70+ year old Male

I think disposing of them properly is important -- 55-59 year old Male

I can't imagine taking a used car battery to woolworths -- 70+ year old Male

Now I know Coles will take them I will take them to Coles -- 65-69 year old Male

We have a little box to collect old batteries.. maybe this should be provided for each household with compost bags.. our council give compost bags to each home so it wouldn't be that hard to also provide a educational sheet and a box for old batteries. I don't think a lot of people are aware of battery disposing. -- 55-59 year old Female

I'm saving them up rather than putting them in general rubbish, but how are we meant to find out which "selected locations" of these retailers take them? Also, shouldn't local council be providing a cost-free facility for this purpose? -- 65-69 year old Male

Should they be placed in disposal unit individually or placed in plastic bag -- 60-64 year old Female

They should be put in the appropriate bins that are labelled. -- 60-64 year old Male

The retailers should make these drop off points more visible -- 70+ year old Male
should be easier -- 60-64 year old Female

I do my best every time -- 65-69 year old Male

It's easy enough to do - I just put the dead batteries in a ziplock bag, then when I go to Bunnings (as I do regularly) I put them in the container there for recycling -- 55-59 year old Male

lithium batteries could be a real curse in the future as they are serious fire hazard -- 70+ year old Male

It is really important to dispose of them safely and correctly -- 70+ year old Female

where is the tv advertising -- 70+ year old Male

Good to learn where to drop off -- 65-69 year old Female

Other barriers to participating in the CDS

H7 Are any of the following reasons for you not to participate in the Container Deposit Scheme? Select as many as apply. - Another reason (please tell us what)

Age 18-34

i give items to someone else to deposit -- 30-34 year old Female

I don't have anywhere to stockpile the items. I live in a very small unit and rarely use an eligible container. -- 30-34 year old Female

a lot of the time places are full -- 25-29 year old Female

Needs more items that can be accepted -- 25-29 year old Male

Age 35-54

the CDS locations can give cars flat tyres, making the trip so very not worthwhile. -- 45-49 year old Male

It is easier to use kerbside recycling bin -- 45-49 year old Male

The cds is full a lot -- 35-39 year old Female

It is a pain in the butt because it rejects items and then you have to take them home - why can't recycling bins be placed next to the facility? -- 40-44 year old Female

I don't have the storage space -- 45-49 year old Female

The drop off points are often full or closed due to malfunction. -- 45-49 year old Male

Not enough items to drop off -- 50-54 year old Male

My deposits have gone missing before -- 35-39 year old Female

The machines are either full or not working -- 45-49 year old Female

Age 55+

I pass all items for CDS on to another person who disposed of them -- 70+ year old Female

I give the containers to my grandchildren for pocket money -- 70+ year old Female

i do not recycle for the money -- 70+ year old Female

I collect the bottles for a neighbour to help with their budget -- 60-64 year old Female

I give my daughter my containers and she recycles them and I do it occasionally. If I can't get there I give them to people who are in my area who collect the items -- 55-59 year old Female

I'm disabled -- 60-64 year old Female

I just hadn't thought about it all!! :(-- 65-69 year old Male

I participate in a community CDS scheme. -- 70+ year old Male

Staff always claim there were less cans or booth an I had counted -- 55-59 year old Male

others in my family participate, so I don't need to -- 60-64 year old Male

I gift to someone else -- 55-59 year old Male

Don't have the room for storage -- 55-59 year old Male

The general recycling bin is good enough -- 70+ year old Male

our over 50's community collect all containers to recycle for there social club -- 70+ year old Male

I recycle in the kerbside recycle bin.... right? -- 55-59 year old Male

I am disable -- 60-64 year old Male

I have limited mobility and find it difficult to carry quantities of recyclable items -- 70+ year old Male

Savong for grandchildren -- 70+ year old Female

Mu house mate does all this -- 70+ year old Male

What happens to items collected at CDS

H8 Which of the following do you believe happen to items that are collected at your state's CDS? Select as many as apply. - Another reason (please tell us what)

Age 18-34

No data found - your filters may be too exclusive!

Age 35-54

Dumped in the same place as our normal recycled sun waste goes -- 35-39 year old Male

Age 55+

I believe the ones I chose happens but only to a percentage of that collected. -- 70+ year old Female

Someone is making profit -- 55-59 year old Male

I'm concerned that they might just be stockpiled, as per the REDcycle scam. -- 65-69 year old Male

Final comments

Final comments - That's the end of the survey! If there is anything else you would like to say about this survey, or about recycling and sustainability, please type it in here. Otherwise, just scroll to the bottom of the screen to submit your responses.

Age 18-34

I would like to see an incentive program for recycling more food packaging products like tin cans and milk bottles. -- 30-34 year old Female

This survey has inspired me to recycle more! Thank you! -- 25-29 year old Female

With the Return and Earn scheme, I think we need to put more machines out there what can fit more room in some of the areas because the Cans and bottles are always full, I think having a Extra two can and bottle machine will help the loads -- 25-29 year old Male

It was really informative -- 25-29 year old Female

Responsibility should be placed solely on manufactures and producers who make tonnes and tonnes of the waste to begin with, with no other thoughts other than for maximum profits -- 25-29 year old Female

I wish things like wine bottles were added as I think they would be a good way to repurpose glass (in container scheme) -- 30-34 year old Female

Very informative and interesting survey -- 30-34 year old Female

Thanks for teaching me new things! -- 30-34 year old Female

Very informative survey -- 30-34 year old Male

Australia should really adopt the scheme that the Netherlands has. Its better return value. -- 30-34 year old Male

Great survey keen to see results. Need to immediate attention on a circular economy at scale -- 25-29 year old Male

The CDS machines are so slow. You have to put the item in 1 at a time. This is painful. Then the stupid machine says it doesn't accept the barcode, but you put it in again and the machine accepts it. This tech needs to get better and a hopper needs to be developed to just dump bulk items in rather than 1 at a time. -- 18-24 year old Male

Recycling is complicated cause of poor guidance and education -- 30-34 year old Male

Kerbside pick up of electronics would make it much more likely for me to participate -- 30-34 year old Female

Age 35-54

Thanks for some new information about recycling -- 45-49 year old Female

Leave more drop off containers at all major shopping centres throughout the territory -- 35-39 year old Female

Educate people in a positive way not by fear mongering -- 40-44 year old Female

Go SA... lead the way! -- 45-49 year old Male

Just keep pushing recycling. -- 35-39 year old Male

Very good and interesting survey -- 40-44 year old Male

Excellent survey learnt a lot of things about recycling. The survey should be done more often. Thank you so much -- 35-39 year old Male

I recently went on a holiday to Victoria and realised that they don't care about recycling. There were no recycling bins on the footpaths in the regional cities, and the caravan park didn't have any recycling. I'm proud of the fact that even the most remote towns in SA, such as Fowlers Bay, have Street side recycle bins and hospitality businesses also have recycling. I'm proud to be living in SA. -- 40-44 year old Male

Local government should advise people what to do with their recycling -- 40-44 year old Male

Curb side pick up house hold waste should be introduced into all councils.

Most people do not have Utes or trailers to take these bulkier items to the refuse centre -- 35-39 year old Female

More information on this to the public -- 35-39 year old Male

There is no education about recycling. This is pathetic as rate payers all pay a waste education levy - where is that money going? -- 40-44 year old Female

Manufacture industry should effort more -- 35-39 year old Female

More information about recycling -- 40-44 year old Male

It would be great if there was access to the reverse vending machines for the CDS. It's sad that it's easier to go to NSW to do it. Also, in Germany all stores have CDS points which makes the process super easy. -- 35-39 year old Female

Age 55+

Where I live in Retirement Village we have General Rubbish collection, Paper & Cardboard collect & Glass & Plastics. No Green Waste although as is Apartment we do have a large collection every few months. -- 70+ year old Female

It was fun and motivated me to recycle more than before. Thank you for the opportunity. -- 55-59 year old Female

An important area of our responsibility -- 70+ year old Female

It is important for all of us to know about what to do with recycling and just do it -- 70+ year old Female

NBN batteries are a problem not sure on the recycling of those I put them in a store bin but not sure if that's right -- 65-69 year old Female

I would like to see more education given in schools about what actually happens with the materials we recycle. My children and grandchildren all recycle but there is very little information available about what happens in recycling centres or manufacturing facilities using recyclables. -- 70+ year old Female

Instead of landfill rubbish should be taken and disposed of in old mines, plastic etc. came out of the ground so should go back into it -- 70+ year old Female

This survey is well designed unique and informative -- 65-69 year old Female

Thank you for the opportunity to be a part of this survey. I really enjoyed it and was educated on it. I cut the straps off my masks and recycle and put the straps in general waste so I hope I'm doing the right thing. -- 55-59 year old Female

This survey was great because it gave the correct answers to items lasting in landfill and where you can dispose of batteries. -- 60-64 year old Female

Governments should take Return and Earn concept more seriously and provide more return facilities -- 70+ year old Male

Great survey, certainly makes me rethink my recycling beliefs. -- 65-69 year old Female

Needs to be MORE recycling incentives to get the lazy humans involved Money TALKS -- 35-39 year old Male

A great survey makes me think -- 45-49 year old Male

This was a very good survey. I learnt new things -- 35-39 year old Male

I agree that more recycling facilities should be built and also increase the incentive from 10c to a bigger figure -- 35-39 year old Male

All good thank you and we go to the dump once or twice a year so we use as little as we can. Cheers -- 50-54 year old Female

Thank you for the survey, especially about the specialised drop off information and how long it takes for items to degrade in a landfill -- 35-39 year old Male

Sustainability is a crock. It just makes money for billionaires like Richard Pratt. How about dealing with overpopulation! -- 50-54 year old Male

This survey gave me a lot of useful information about recycling -- 40-44 year old Female

I like the automated system for recycling aluminium cans but unfortunately they don't accept crushed cans. It is a nuisance trying to store uncrushed cans. Would like it if there were automated facilities that accepted crushed cans. -- 65-69 year old Female

I learnt plenty from this survey -- 60-64 year old Female

This is the most compelling and topical survey i have completed and Recycling will be a huge issue as we move forward coupled with climate change issues -- 65-69 year old Male

The 10c container deposit scheme was in use 20-30 years ago in some states. The 10c needs to be indexed more often to encourage financial incentives to recycle -- 60-64 year old Male

Interesting survey. Easy to complete. -- 65-69 year old Male

every local council has a different way of doing this and as a result, it's very difficult to know what what to do -- 60-64 year old Male

I would be more inclined to do more recycling if we had a kerbside pickup and more bins for collection and not made to pay extra in our rates. -- 65-69 year old Female

Educative survey, thanks -- 55-59 year old Female

It's a great idea... Another step in the right direction - despite ineffective govt bumbling and incompetence in dealing with these and (too many) other 'closely-related, environmentally wise' strategies! We ALL need to just get on with getting the correct & necessary actions taken!! -- 65-69 year old Male

Loved this survey. Very interesting. -- 60-64 year old Female

I travel 400km return trip to recycle -- 70+ year old Male

Lions community group collect my bottles and can. -- 70+ year old Male

Once again i would like it promoted that batteries can be recycled at so many retailers. -- 55-59 year old Male

it was interesting and i learnt some new things -- 65-69 year old Male

When are Wine bottles going to be accepted ? -- 70+ year old Male

Since the CDS started I have fewer cans thrwon out and along streets and in the parks in my area. -- 65-69 year old Male

pharmaceutical companies should take responsibility for recycling their blister packs -- 65-69 year old Male

This was a very easy, informative and also comprehensive survey -- 60-64 year old Male

This survey is definitely a eye opener. Enjoyed it. Easy to understand and navigate -- 65-69 year old Male

This was an important survey. We need so much more education on how and what to recycle and reuse. -- 65-69 year old Female

It was interesting but the money back options are the way to go as everyone a winner. Thanks -- 60-64 year old Male

This, like anything else is an industry for profit and shouldn't be confused with 'doing the right thing'. Doing the right thing is not creating the product in the first place. -- 55-59 year old Male

Interesting Survey -- 60-64 year old Male

This was a real test of what we do. It makes you think & reinforces the need to sustainability & recycling -- 70+ year old Male

Qld can recycle centres are much more efficient than Victoria -- 70+ year old Male

Great innovation in recycling that is getting better all the time. South Australia has been recycling plastic bottles of years. ~~It~~ -- 65-69 year old Female

Very informative -- 65-69 year old Female

there is a lot of chat about recycling but most of it seems to be virtual signalling by those that think they are clever and important -- 70+ year old Male

This was informative -- 65-69 year old Female

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