

Annual Report and Action Plan

Company Name: **CSR Building Products Limited**

Trading As:

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About APCO

Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO) is a co-regulatory not-for-profit organisation leading the development of a circular economy for packaging in Australia. APCO's vision is a packaging value chain that collaborates to keep packaging materials out of landfill and retains the maximum value of the materials, energy and labour within the local economy.

Each year, APCO Brand Owner Members are required to submit an APCO Annual Report and an APCO Action Plan. This document is the Annual Report and Action Plan output for the organisation listed above. This document provides the overall performance level of the organisation, as well as any commitments they have made to work towards on their packaging sustainability journey. This document may also include additional information provided by the Member in their report.

Overall Performance **Advanced**

The chart below indicates the overall performance level of this organisation listed above in the 2024 APCO Annual Report. The organisation's reporting period was **January, 2023 - December, 2023**



Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

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Additional Information

The information below indicates additional information that the organisation included in their APCO Annual Report.

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability

During this reporting period CSR developed a framework for the delivery of our sustainability strategy. Our sustainability strategy supports our company strategy and purpose for building solutions for a better future by focusing on innovative and sustainable building solutions.

The strategy is comprised of five pillars which incorporate environmental, social and governance focus areas considered to be material to our business.

A core pillar of our sustainability strategy is "Closing The Loop" to contribute to building a circular building industry. CSR has a 2025 target aimed at having all CSR packaging to be closed loop (either 100% reusable, recyclable or compostable) and is aligned to CSR's position as a signatory to APCO. This pillar will aid the development of future action plans for APCO and provides a foundation to redesign product packaging and minimise plastic use and waste across our business whilst influencing our suppliers, customers and consumers to adopt circular principles.

Closing the loop brings together the various components of CSR's supply chain. Starting with how we source raw materials, packaging from our vendors through to minimising the waste on our sites and for our customers.

After engaging with our 100+ suppliers to establish a baseline of packaging data and % recycled content, planning is now underway to develop programs to achieve our 2025 packaging target.

CSR does not use problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic items in the retail market, it does use certain problematic materials in its B2B packaging. These materials would include moulded polystyrene, single use shrinkwrap (Low-Density Polyethylene) and PET strapping. CSR is actively working on projects to find replacements for these materials.

Describe any opportunities or constraints that affected performance within your chosen reporting period

Constraint affecting performance is the small amount of packaging material waste compared to other waste streams generated and going to landfill. Usually the weight of packaging material used onsite is 10% or less than the amount of other waste streams going to landfill.

The focus of a sites limited resources is to achieve the greatest cost reduction and efforts are directed to reducing waste to landfill quantities. CSR has 2025 and 2030 sustainability targets, they include - (2030) 75% reduction in solid waste to landfill.

(2025) CSR packaging to be either 100% reusable; recyclable; compostable and 50% average recycled content in packaging.

Please use the space below to provide examples or case studies of exemplary packaging sustainability conducted by your organisation.

At CSR we are committed to building solutions for a sustainable future. For us, sustainability extends further than reducing our environmental footprint. We want to innovate and bring new ideas to life, from how we source, design, manufacture, package and supply our products to how we partner with other

businesses and connect with our communities.

CSR has conducted a number of closed loop recycling initiatives as part of our sustainability strategy.

- Recycled glass cullet: Bradford glasswool insulation uses up to 80% recycled glass.
- Post-consumer (PET) packaging: Martini manufactures a range of insulation products with thermally-bonded polyester fibres, of which up to 80% is made from post-consumer (PET) packaging i.e. plastic drink bottles.
- Pallet and packaging recycling program: The expansion of CSRs recycling program to increase the recovery and reuse of timber blocks, pallets and other packaging materials including the substitution of timber gluts with 100% recycled plastic gluts. Since the program launched in 2021, CSR has saved approximately 550 tonnes per month of timber from entering landfill and significantly reduced overall timber usage in the business.

We also progressed a number of timber alternatives for blocks used in packaging products for transport to customers including:

- o Gyprock plasterboard off cuts sourced from CSR's operations
- o Cardboard: 100% recyclable and lightweight
- o Repurposed plastic waste recycled into 100% recycled PE (polyethylene) blocks
- o Gyprock has introduced Gyprock Enviro Paper Tape manufactured in Australia from 100% recycled paper.
- o Fly ash is a waste by-product of coal combustion in power stations which can improve the performance and quality of concrete. Monier has transitioned its production process to incorporate 10-15% of its cement requirements with waste fly-ash.

APCO Action Plan Commitments

For each of the Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria listed below, a description is provided along with the commitments made by the organisation in their APCO Action Plan.

Criteria 1:

Governance & Strategy:

This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.

- Develop a strategy that includes goals (objectives) and targets for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent.
- Include a commitment to achieving the 2025 National Packaging Targets in our strategy.
- Have our executive or board of directors review our strategy and have the strategy integrated within our business processes.
- Regularly communicate and promote packaging sustainability objectives and targets within our organisation.

Criteria 2:

Design & Procurement:

This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs).

- Review 24% of our packaging against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (or equivalent).
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding reviews of packaging using the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (or equivalent).
- Consider the following Sustainable Packaging Principles in our packaging reviews:
 - Design for recovery
 - Optimise material efficiency
 - Design to reduce product waste
 - Eliminate hazardous materials
 - Use of renewable materials
 - Use recycled materials
 - Design to minimise litter
- 2% of our packaging to be optimised for material efficiency.
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding packaging material efficiency.

Criteria 3:

Recycled Content:

This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.

- Develop a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials.
- Use recycled content in:
 - Our products
 - Primary packaging that we use to sell our products
 - Secondary packaging that we use to sell our products
 - Other items which we purchase (e.g. office stationary and suppliers etc.)
- 23% of our packaging to be made using some level of recycled material
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding use of recycled materials.

Criteria 4:

Recoverability:

This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging.

- 57% of our packaging to be designed to have all packaging components be recoverable at end-of-life.
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding recoverability.
- Use PREP to assess the recyclability of our packaging through kerbside collection in Australia and/or New Zealand.
- Investigate opportunities to use reusable packaging.
- 14% of our packaging to have all packaging components that are reusable.
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding reuse.
- Participate in a close-loop recovery program/alternative collection system.

Criteria 5:

Disposal Labelling:

This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life.

- 1% of our packaging to have on-pack labelling to inform correct disposal.
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding labelling.

Criteria 6:

On-site Waste:

This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill.

- Have recycling programs for the following materials:
 - Paper/cardboard
 - Soft plastics
 - Rigid plastics
 - Timber
 - Metals
- Aim for 83% of our on-site waste to be diverted from landfill.
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding on-site waste.

Criteria 7:

Problematic Materials:

This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

- Help reduce litter by:
 - Participating in Business Clean Up Day