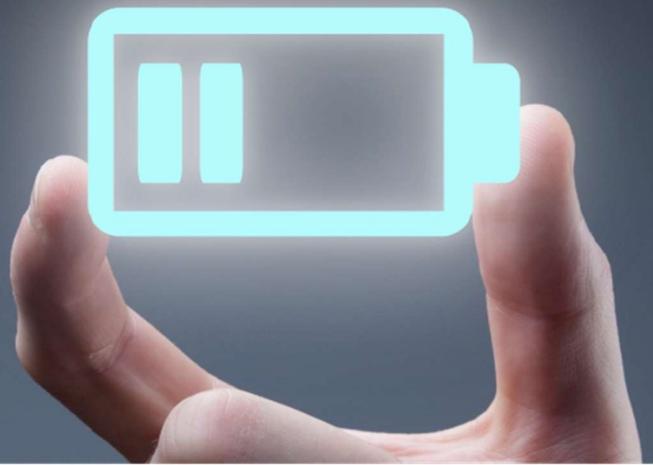


Battery Stewardship Council



Establishing a national battery stewardship scheme for Australia

The Battery Stewardship Council was established as an informal council in May 2018 to facilitate development of a stewardship scheme to rapidly increase the very low collection rates for handheld and energy storage batteries across Australia.

Time for change



We can all see that batteries have become an essential part of all our daily lives. In Australia, recycling rates for batteries other than used lead acid batteries are exceedingly low. Only 3% of handheld batteries are recycled in Australia compared with some European countries which recycle more than 70%.

Collaborative approach



The goal of the BSC is to bring together players from across the battery supply chain to ensure that a robust and well design battery recycling scheme is established to service metropolitan and regional areas.

Addressing this problem has been the subject of discussion and research since 2013 when batteries were first identified as a priority for the federal government with their listing on the Product Stewardship Act priority product list. The QLD Department of Environment and Science has taken a leadership role in this issue with funding and active involvement in the BSC leadership team.

¹ Arrangements is also known as a Product Stewardship Organisation or a Compliance Organisation.

Strong foundation



Significant research and trials were conducted by industry with government support and in February 2018, an industry briefing was held to discuss the options. The briefing included presentations on key drivers for establishing a scheme, an update from the Department of Environment and Energy, and presented the results of the scheme.

As a result of discussions at the industry briefing, it was agreed that two pathways be further scoped:

- Inclusion of loose batteries in the scope of the National Televisions and Computer Recycling Scheme using either the current four 'Arrangements'¹ or a battery specific Arrangement able to take a more tailored approach to scope and performance measures, and
- Establishment of a new voluntary scheme authorised by the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (Refer to Briefing Note #4 for details).

Given this increased momentum and the need for both government and industry to work together during the design phase, the Industry Working Group decided that a new Battery Stewardship Council (BSC) be established.

Scheme design



Design of the proposed scheme is now well developed and refined in response to significant consultation with BSC members. This process continues and members are encouraged to be part of the solutions and ensure that the final scheme reflects members needs and perspectives.

The scheme design document provides a very detailed examination of the proposed approach; however, the diagram below illustrates the key elements.



Scheme Principles



Battery Stewardship Council (BSC) has released a set of principles with key features to provide a strong foundation for the Phase 2 of consultation with BSC members. The aim is to showcase the evolving nature of the scheme and ensure that members have a clear picture of the intent of the scheme and its structure. The principles are:

- Shared responsibility
- Improved environmental outcomes
- Circular economy
- Fair and equitable funding model
- Increased competition, innovation, and efficiency
- Transparency and accountability
- Focus on behavioural change

Each of these are described in more detail in the BSC Principles document.

Communication

The BSC uses a variety of tools to inform members and interested parties about progress. This includes meetings, briefing notes and other documents to explain the process and provide the basis for feedback and collaboration.



Membership



Membership is growing, however current members include:

- ACT Government
- Adeal
- Australia Post
- Aust. Battery Recycling Initiative
- Aust. Industry Group
- Aust. Information Industry Ass. (Mobile Muster)
- Aust. Mobile Telecommunications Ass.
- Aust. Toy Association
- ANZRP
- ALDI
- BatteryRescue
- BatteryWorld
- Bicycle Industries Australia
- Bosch
- Bunnings
- Call2Recycle
- Canon
- CISCO
- CESA
- Clean Energy Council
- Close the Loop
- CMA Ecocycle
- CO2 View
- Energizer
- Dodd & Dodd Group
- Department of Energy & Environment
- QLD Dept of Environment & Science
- Electric Vehicle Council
- Enirgi
- Envirostream
- Equilibrium
- Global Renewables
- Infoactiv
- Institute for Sustainable Futures
- Kidsafe
- Lex Enviro Services
- Makita
- MRI
- MRI E-Cycle Solutions
- National Retailers Association
- National Waste & Recycling Industry Council
- NSW EPA
- Ocean Batteries
- Panasonic
- Officeworks
- Outdoor Power Equipment Association
- R&J Batteries
- RF Industries
- Positex (Rockwell, Worx)
- Stanley Black & Decker (Dewalt)
- Sims E-Recycling
- SA EPA
- Sustainable Living Tasmania
- Sustainability Victoria
- Super Retail Group (BCF, Supercheap ...)
- Supercharge Batteries
- Techtronic Industries (Ryobi, Milwaukee, ...)
- Sydney Harbours Federation Trust
- Tes-amm
- TradeTools
- Visy
- Western Australian Local Government Association

We continue to seek new members to be part of the solution and we invite to contact us if you can provide connections with important missing players or if you yourself would like to become a member. Or simply send in your nomination form (see next page).

NOMINATION FORM

I would like to nominate for membership of the Battery Stewardship Council as a representative of:

Organisation		
Primary contact		
Name		
Organization		
Department		
Postal Address		
Phone	Mobile	
Email Address		
Website		

Please indicate your role in battery stewardship:

Manufacturer, please indicate brands:

Importer, please indicate brands:

Retailer, please indicate store brands:

Consumer, please indicate type of consumer e.g. government, corporate, school, etc.:

Collection point, please indicate type of collection point e.g. retail, library, transfer station, council offices, aggregation point at depot, etc.:

Logistics (battery collection and transport), please indicate regions covered:

Sorting, please indicate chemistries sorted:

Processing, please indicate processing methodologies and end markets:

Export, please indicate countries:

Other, please describe:

Signature

Date:

Email to: contact@bsc.org.au