

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 2023 APCO Annual Report. The organisation's reporting period was **January, 2022 - December, 2022**



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.

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 CSR's 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 600 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
- Gyprock has introduced Gyprock Enviro Paper Tape manufactured in Australia from 100% recycled paper.
- 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 **34%** 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:
 - Optimise material efficiency
 - Eliminate hazardous materials
 - Use of renewable materials
 - Use recycled materials
- **7%** 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.)
- **34%** 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.

- **86%** 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.
- **48%** of our packaging to have all packaging components that are reusable.
- Improve the accuracy of our data regarding reuse.

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.

- **5%** 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 **86%** 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