

# APCO Performance Summary

Company Name: **CRH Australia Pty Ltd**

Trading As:

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## About the APCO Annual Report & Performance

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the **2023** APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2022 - December, 2022** you have achieved a **Beyond Best Practice** overall performance level.

1 Getting Started 2 Good Progress 3 Advanced 4 Leading 5 Beyond Best Practice

### 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.

### Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

- Criteria 1: Governance & Strategy** This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.
- 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).
- Criteria 3: Recycled Content** This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.

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Criteria 4:

**Recoverability**

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

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.

Criteria 6:

**On-site Waste**

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

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.

## APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report.

Criteria 1

**Governance & Strategy**

Does your organisation have a strategy that includes goals for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Supporting Evidence

We are actively working with our overseas and local suppliers to reduce the use of single use plastics and polystyrene packaging within our network. We are continuously looking for new ways to develop our packaging to align with the SPG's and the national packaging targets.

Criteria 2

**Design & Procurement**

Do you use the SPGs to review your packaging?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Are you keeping records of the outcomes of your reviews using the SPGs?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Please provide an example of a positive outcome you have achieved.

We now have the recycling labels on all our company boxes that are distributed to our customers and encourage recycling where possible.

Our packaging from Visy is made up of 70% recycled materials.

How many reviews did you conduct during the reporting period?

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### Supporting Evidence

Shelving supplier (overseas shipment) - 99.7% of packaging from this supplier is recyclable cardboard.

0.30% is small plastic pieces that insert into the shelving to prevent it from getting damaged.

Ceiling suspension (overseas shipment) - 100% recyclable cardboard, no plastic or polystyrene packaging.

### Criteria 3

#### Recycled Content

Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Does any of your packaging contain recycled materials?

Primary

☒ Yes ☐ No

Secondary

☒ Yes ☐ No

Tertiary

☒ Yes ☐ No

### Supporting Evidence

Our overseas suppliers were asked as to what percentage of their packaging is made from recyclable materials:

Fermod 75%, PT Nayati 100% and Kason 45%

Our own CRH boxes which are produced by Visy are made up of 70% of recycled material.

## Criteria 4

**Recoverability**

Have you investigated the recoverability of your packaging to look for opportunities for greater reuse or recycling?

☒ Yes ☐ No

## Supporting Evidence

This is still not currently possible in our industry.

## Criteria 5

**Disposal Labelling**

Do you provide disposal information for your packaging on-pack?

☐ Yes ☒ No

## Supporting Evidence

We have signed up with the Australian Recycling Labelling Program to add the disposal information on our on-pack packaging, but have recently been looking at other materials to make our product headers recyclable as they are currently made of a laminated cardboard with a non-recyclable ink. We are still trying to find something strong enough to hold our heavy steel products so the label has been temporarily put on the back-burner. We have however added the labels to our cardboard boxes from Visy.

## Criteria 6

**On-site Waste**

Do you have a system to collect and recycle used packaging generated at your facilities (e.g. office, warehouse etc.)

☒ Yes ☐ No

## Supporting Evidence

We have a cardboard recycling bin in our warehouse though most of our products are shipped out in the packaging they came in from our suppliers. The bin is collect every 1-2 weeks depending on the amount of used cardboard in that period.

## Criteria 7

## Problematic Materials

Which of the following activities do you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- ☒ Conduct regular clean-ups on-site
- ☒ Participate in Business Clean-Up Day
- ☒ Redesign packaging to eliminate components that may have the propensity to become litter
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Please specify

- ☐ None of the above

## Supporting Evidence

Our warehouse team have last hour clean up each day where all the bins are emptied and a walk around our warehouses to pick up any loose strapping or rubbish from the day.

We hold an annual business clean up day around the time of stocktake and the end of the financial year, this includes office areas, warehouse, showroom.

*Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.*

## Additional Information

- ☐ No additional information

Please tell us about any innovative packaging sustainability initiatives you have implemented during your chosen 12 month reporting period.

Please tell us of any constraints you may have had during your chosen 12 month reporting period that has impacted on your packaging sustainability initiatives and Covenant obligations.

We are still struggling to find an alternative packaging for our hang sale product due to the heavy steel items. At this stage we are stuck using polytubing for these items and although we have investigated alternatives to our header cards, there is nothing strong enough to hold our product without ripping the cardboard. We are continuously looking for an alternative but nothing yet works for the products in our industry and it is not suitable for us to change to cardboard boxes for every item.

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#### Criteria 7 - Supporting Evidence

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We hold an annual business clean up day around the time of stocktake and the end of the financial year, this includes office areas, warehouse, showroom.

Every Wednesday when the bins go out, our warehouse team conduct a site walk of the external areas of the building and pick up any litter that may have blown around from other business.

Our Operations Director is regularly working with our suppliers to minimize oversized packaging and develop better solutions for packaging overall. An example of this is the redesign of our F2227 pressure relief port last year, which saw the cardboard packaging reduce to two thirds of the size of the previous packaging.