




RECYCLING

The idea of recycling is one of the most popular ways Australians feel they can reduce their impact on the environment. But what's the latest on effective recycling?

In Australia, we throw away on average around 76 million tonnes of waste per year (about 2.9 tonnes per person), with about 60% of it being recycled. These sound like good statistics, but there are loopholes.

Some of the most difficult items to recycle are some of the most damaging when they enter landfill, or even worse, our natural systems (oceans, rivers and terrestrial environments). Soft plastics, blister-packs, e-waste and textiles, are among the biggest culprits still ending up in huge rubbish dumps. Below we outline some key steps to recycling these tricky materials and general tips for being a recycling pro!

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