

National Timber Product Stewardship Group

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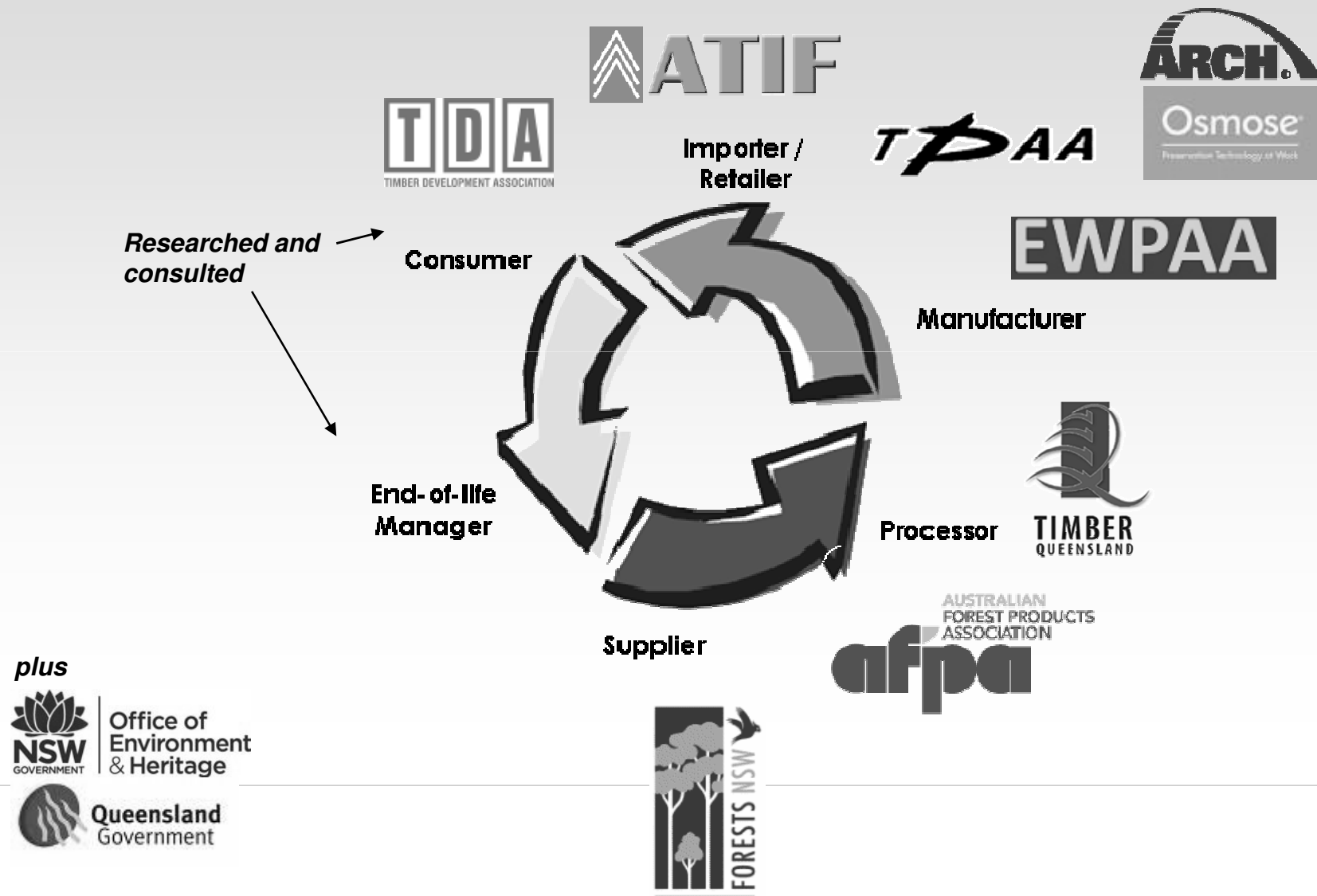
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This presentation

- National Timber Product Stewardship Group (NTPSG)
 - Who we are + Aims
 - Activities
 - Progress
- Assistance in improving your recycling program

Who we are

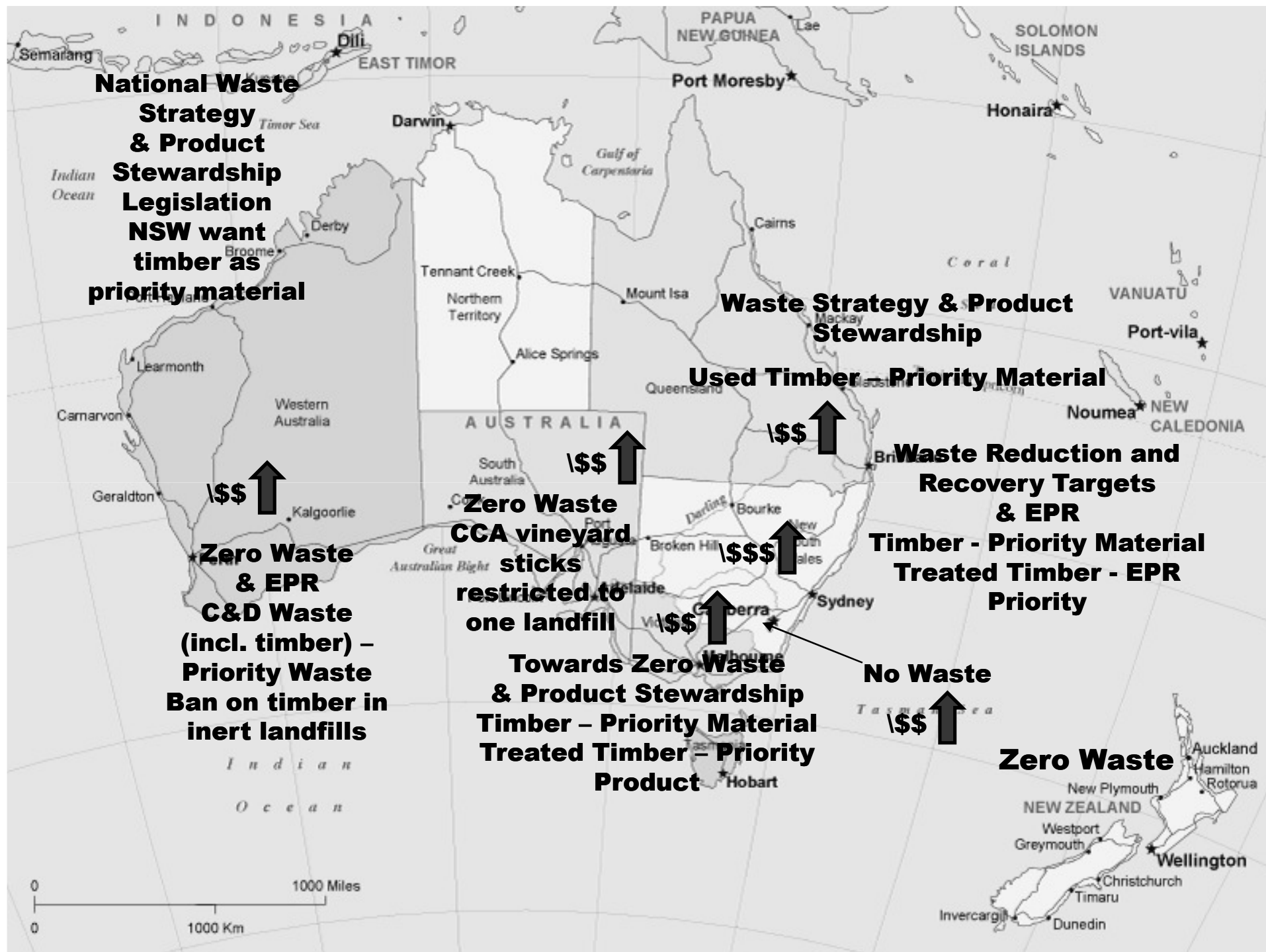


Our Objectives

- Double recovery of post-consumer timber to 1 million tonnes per annum by 2017
- Recovery for:
 - Reuse,
 - Recycling and
 - Renewable energy
- Minimise environmental impacts of residual end-of-life timber that is landfilled

Our History

2004 -2005	<i>adhoc</i>
2006	Formed the NSW Treated Timber Product Stewardship Group
2007	Formed the National Timber Product Stewardship Group (NTPSG)
2007	Developed the first National Timber Product Stewardship Strategy for Post-consumer Timber
2008 - 2010	Project Implementation



Our Strategy: *Timber - More Life*

- Key Waste Streams:
 - Timber packaging
 - Timber from demolition
 - Preservative treated timber
 - Timber from building & manufacturing
- Actions:
 - Market development
 - Education / communications
 - Well targeted research

Key Barriers

- Quicker and cheaper to dispose of them
- Land and labour costs for reuse and recycling
- Lack of markets
 - Recycling facilities a long way away
 - Virgin materials are cheaper/easier
 - No price of fossil carbon air emissions
 - REC prices are low for wood energy
- Planning and regulatory barriers to recycling and energy recovery

Key Drivers

- Landfill disposal costs
- Competition among waste recovery operations (to keep costs down)
- Greenhouse gas emissions reporting
- Australian Packaging Covenant
- Sustainability reporting

Timber from Demolition

- Bridge Timbers and Power Poles Project
 - Recyclers driving past stockpiles of good timber
 - Burial of good timber
 - RTA concerned about liability from people building a table, make toys, burning CCA
 - Other substances – Lead, PAHs
 - Funding from NSW Government

Timber from Demolition

- Published protocols for reuse & recycling:
 - OH & S
 - Environmental management
 - Licensing
 - Waste disposal
 - Sale / giving away of treated off-cuts (NSW Timber Marketing Act)
- Quantitative Risk Assessment (for RTA bridge timbers)
- RTA now (finally) putting tender out for their bridge timber.





End Uses



Timber Packaging

- Pallets, skids, crates etc
- At least 300,000 tpa disposed of around Australia
- >120,000 tpa from importing goods
- Good quality feedstock for reuse (~10%), recycling and renewable energy fuel



Timber Packaging - Reuse

- Straight reuse - standard and non-standard
- Matching generators with users
- Generators may have to modify supply chains and warehouse arrangements

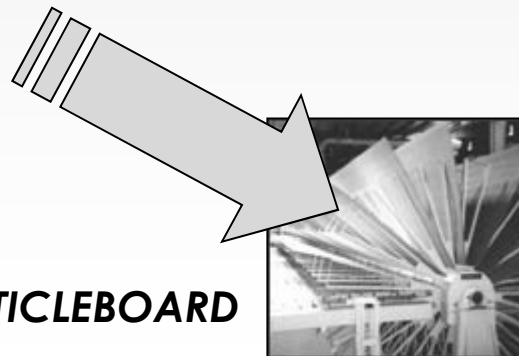


Timber Packaging - Reuse

- Disassembly of old pallets into components
- Reassembly using new and old
- Recycling non-repairable pallets



Timber Packaging - Recycling



PARTICLEBOARD

**D&R Henderson -
VIC & Laminex WA**



**MULCH – MossRock
VIC & Jeffries SA**



Timber Packaging - Recycling

Chicken bedding

- Australian market >800,000 m³ per year
- Traditional sources – sawdust, shavings, rice hulls harder to get
- Shredded packaging and offcuts used in WA and VIC
- NSW trial just completed at two farms



Timber Packaging - Renewable energy

- Two main sites in Australia
- Adelaide Brighton Cement
- Rocky Point – SE Qld
- Both v. close to major urban/industrial areas



Adelaide Brighton Cement - SA



Rocky Point Sugar Mill - QLD
Source: Stephen Schuck



WOOD
NATURALLY BETTER

Timber Packaging

- Preservatives / Chemical Contamination
- Vast majority of wood packaging is untreated
- If imported:
 - sterilized with heat (~90%) or
 - fumigated with non-residual gas methyl bromide (~10%)

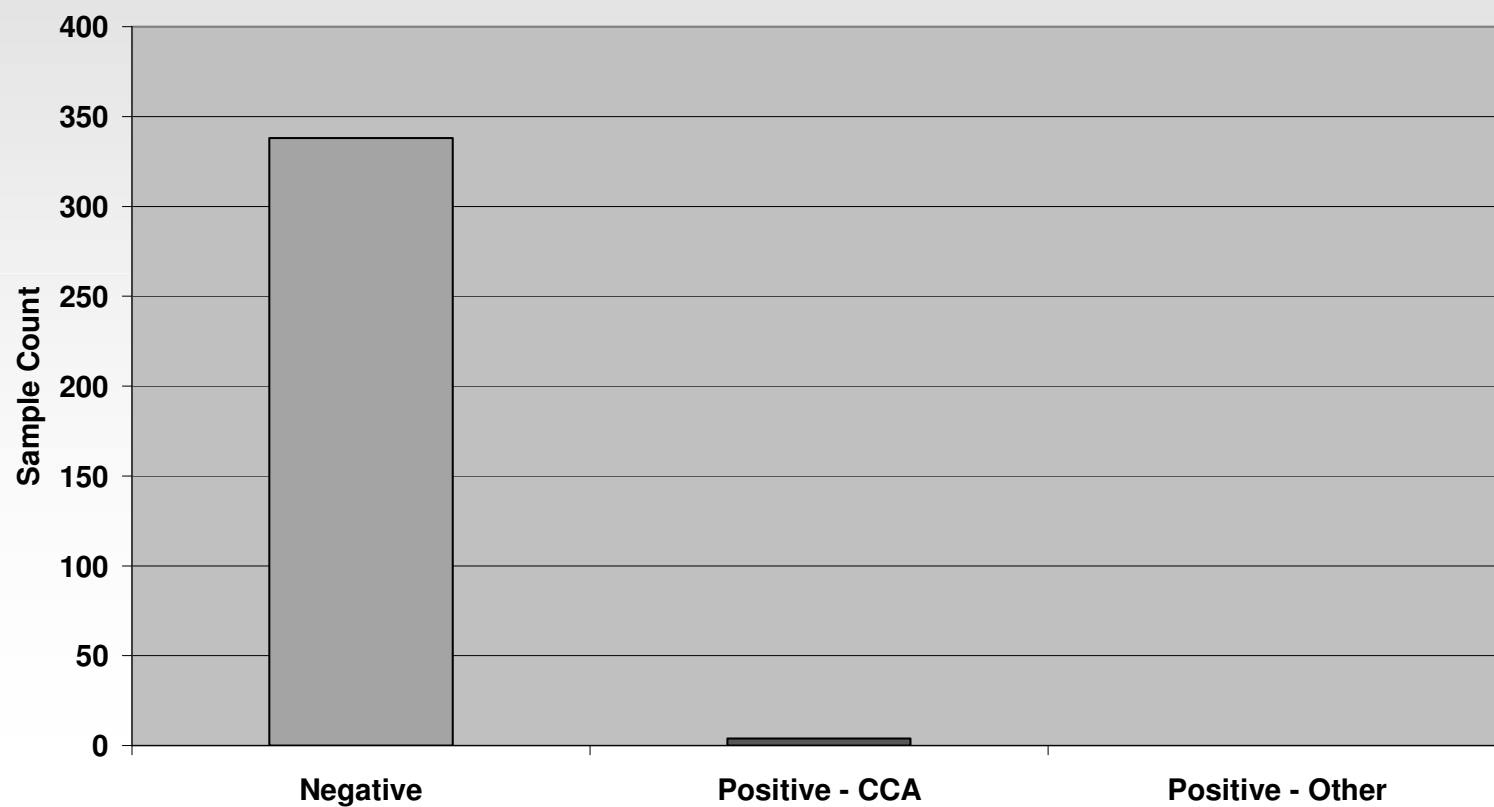
2008 Project – Treatments in wood packaging

- Nine sites in NSW, Qld and WA
- Over 6,600 cubic metres of stockpiled wood packaging
- 342 representative samples analysed with handheld X-ray fluorescence analyser
- 165 samples also characterised for other attributes



Results - 1% CCA preservative treated

n = 342



Preservatives / Chemical Contamination



Liquor
Company
(importing
from NZ)



Petrol / diesel
spillage



Organic
Cosmetic
Company
(importing from
NZ)



Metals processing
contamination

recycling

wood pallets and packaging

Corporate responsibility doesn't just mean protecting your company's valuable goods, but protecting the environment as well.



Benefits of Recycling Pallets Calculator

- Compares GHG benefits of reuse and recycling/energy recovery to landfill disposal
- Compatible with NGER and Carbon Offset Standard
- Assumptions (NSW) reviewed by third party.
- Applicable to QLD

Carbon Benefits of Not Landfilling Wood Pallets & Packaging

This calculator is being trialled for a period of six months. Users are invited to provide feedback to the Timber Development Association by 30th November 2011.

This calculator estimates the carbon benefits (in the form of greenhouse gas emissions reductions) of recycling commercial quantities of wood pallets instead of disposing of them in landfill. The recycling options included are repair and reuse, recycling into animal bedding or landscape mulch and use to generate renewable energy.

For details of the factors and assumptions used in this calculator see the Recovered Wood Pallet and Packaging Carbon Calculator - Assumptions Report.

How to Use

1. Enter your company name and the period you want to calculate in the boxes above
2. Select from the dropdown list whether you have information on the weight of wood packaging or quantities of pallets
3. Enter the quantities or weights of your wood packaging and/or pallets recycled for the various end uses
4. The results will be automatically calculated
5. Scroll down the page to see detailed charts of where greenhouse emissions are emitted (indicated in red) or reduced (indicated in green)
6. Click on the print button to print a two page report of the results.



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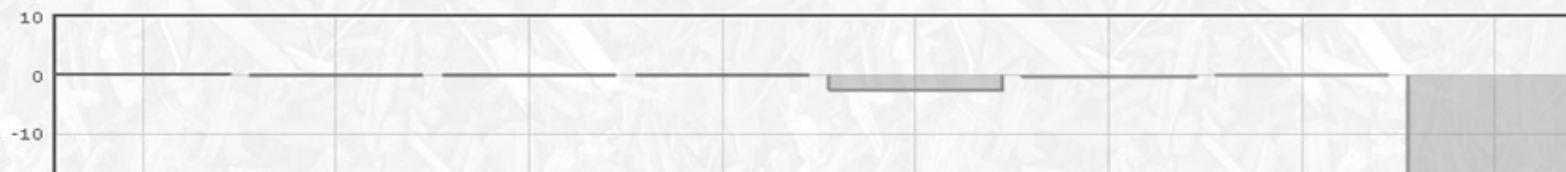
Statement Period:

e.g. Jan - Mar 2010

Calculate emissions by

Packaging Weight (tonnes)	Recycling Options	CO ₂ Emissions Reduced (tonnes)	Pallets Diverted (tonnes)
<input type="text" value="100"/>	Repair & Reuse	70.047	100
<input type="text" value="100"/>	Recycling into Animal Bedding	66.598	100
<input type="text" value="100"/>	Recycling into Mulch	67.371	100
<input type="text" value="100"/>	Renewable Energy	344.038	100
400	Total:	548.054	400.000

Repair & Reuse -70.047 tonnes CO₂ emissions



Treated timber

- 2005 - Average (in Sydney) 3-4% CCA treated timber in mixed C&D waste timber
 - Expected to increase
- 2007 – Average (in Syd, Bris, Perth) 1% CCA treated timber in wood packaging (part of C&I stream)
 - Expected to decrease

Treated timber

- Assist with ID and removal
 - Visual
 - Chromazurol-S indicator
 - XRF
- FWPA funded research on “Determination of Acceptable Levels of Preservative Treated Timber in Timber Reuse Applications”

Treated Timber



Positive



Negatives



Treated timber

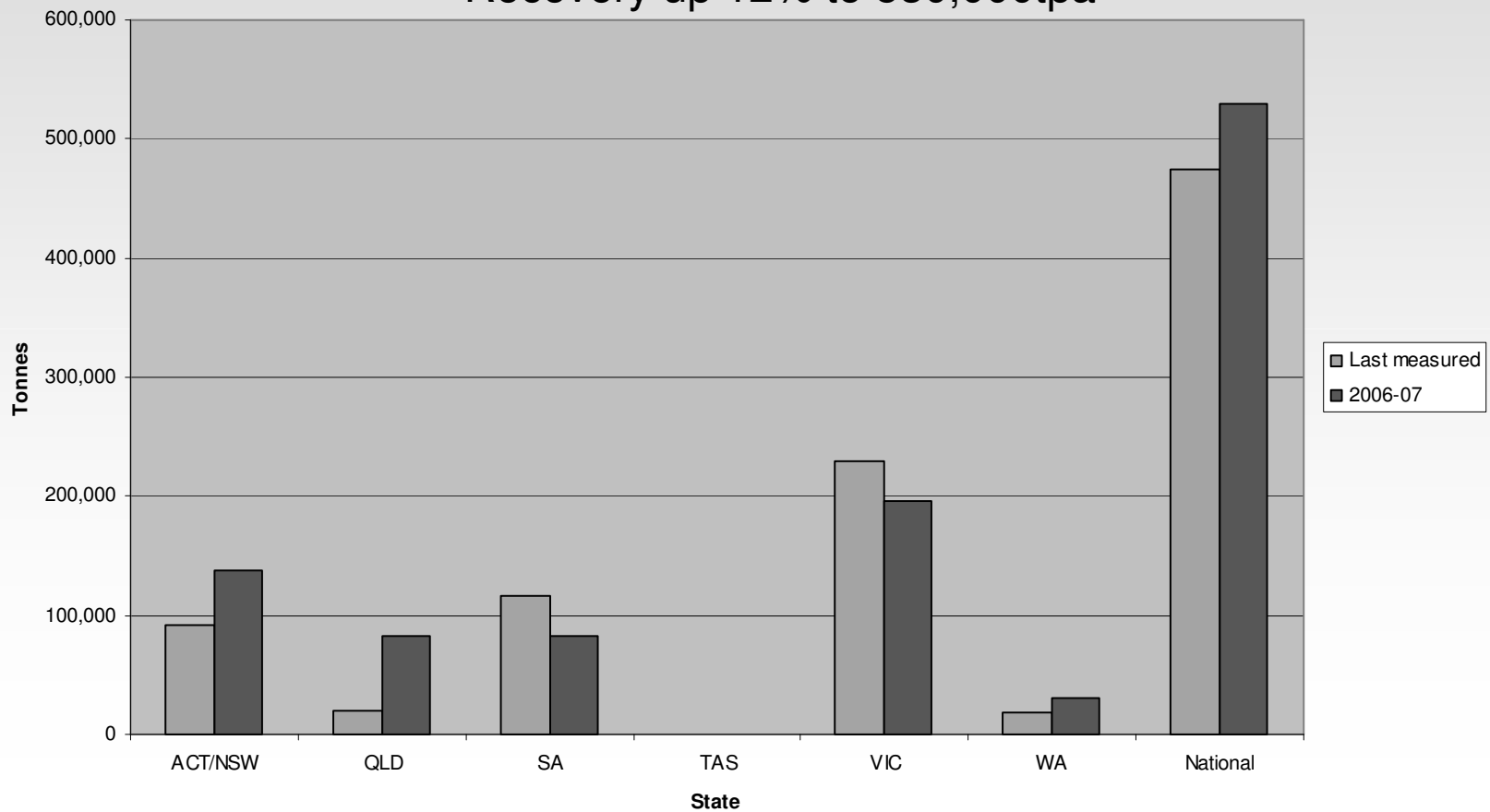
- NOTE: NTPSG is not advocating adding treated timber to recycling or energy
- Just investigating tolerable limits of different preservatives components in different applications
- Best place for treated timber waste (not suitable for reuse) is in well-managed licensed landfills
- Storing carbon!!

Building & Manufacturing

- Particleboard, MDF
- LVL and plywood
- From regulator perspective - more difficult
- Needs research to investigate glues and coatings and env. impacts in recycling and energy applications

Progress

Recovery up 12% to 530,000tpa



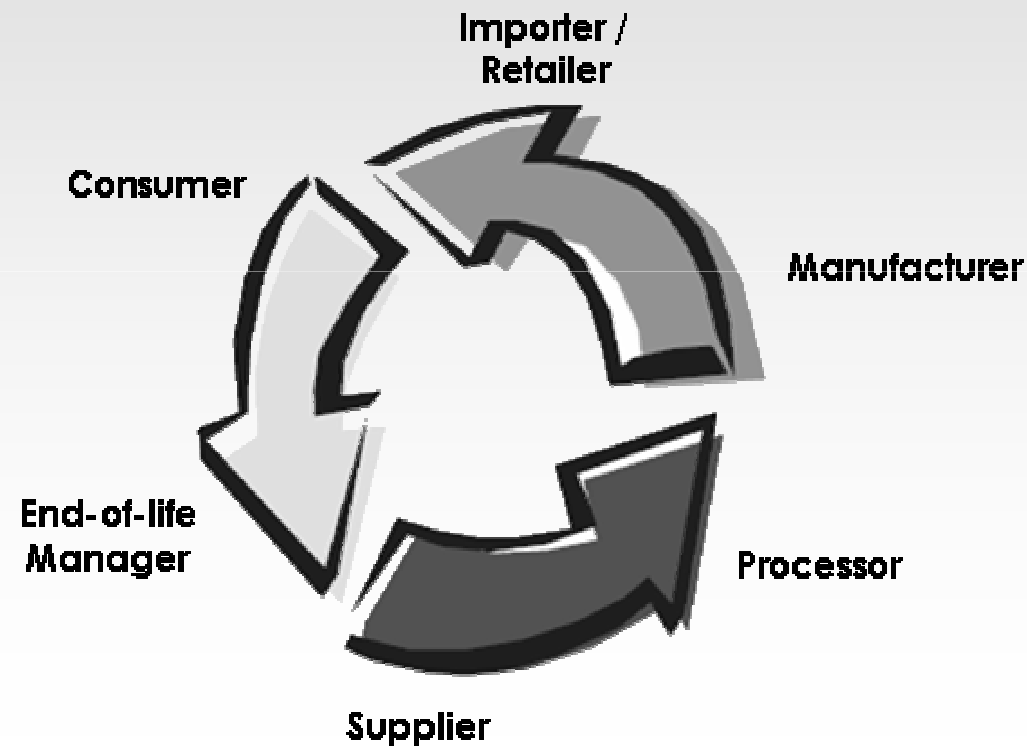
Assistance 1

- Help identify and separate treated timber (and other contaminants) from untreated
 - Education
 - Technology
 - Research
- Advocacy & lobbying
 - Submissions to Australian and state governments

Assistance 2

- Identifying wood recovery opportunities
- Help with accessing Govt. / FWPA funding
- Working through reg. and market barriers
- Linking waste generators with recyclers:
 - Planet Ark Business Recycling
 - Timber Stewardship Directory
- Provide link from your company to www.timberstewardship.or.au

Think product stewardship





Thank you

Questions?

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