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The ABSC is an emerging scheme

The Australian Bedding Stewardship Council is a not-for-profit entity that was established in 2020 to tackle the problem of end-of-life mattresses in Australia to keep them out of landfill and off our streets.

Our Mission

The Australian Bedding Stewardship Scheme is an industry initiative to reduce the number of end-of-life mattresses going into landfill. It provides a transparent, customer orientated recycling network.

We take a life cycle approach to sustainability by ensuring that mattresses are designed and manufactured to minimise material use and maximise the responsible recovery of materials at end of life.

Darwin

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We have plans. Big Plans. Small plans.

There is a sliding scale of what we can achieve. And it all depends on membership levels.

Advocacy

- Ensuring our members have a seat at the table for future regulation.
- Working across State and Federal Government to push issues for our members (eg, Country of Origin, Labelling, Testing etc)

Research and Development

- There are looming timebombs in our industry. Pocket Springs is a huge one. Textiles is another.
- We want to work with Universities, uncover global best practice and find the solutions that will solve these and other issues for our industry.
- We want to be at the forefront of innovation and design that will make Australian mattresses the most sustainable.
- Discover the best recycling methods that will reduce cost and drive higher recovery.

Support for Regional Areas

- Develop programs with retailers, logistics providers and recyclers to make recycling available outside the major cities.
- There are many ideas around reverse logistics, backhaul loads etc that can drive accessibility for our Regional partners.

Rebates

Eventually, we would hope to be able to offer rebates or be able to cover recycling, in line with the way some successful schemes operate. But this is a LONG way ahead for our scheme.

We would need at least 60% industry participation at a \$10 PSF to even be able to start looking at this.

Social Reuse

- Re-use is better than recycling
- Addressing comfort returns
- Minimising recycling, when there are better options

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Case Study on Mattress Recycling



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How can LGA's support Emerging Schemes?

- ❑ You know your community
- ❑ Consider your Contracts
- ❑ Provision of space, facilities or information
- ❑ Necessity is the mother of invention...



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**We would love your
questions and your ideas**



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Thank You

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