

The Summit had 30 speakers and 163 attendees.

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Issues that came out of the Summit

1. Peter Garrett

Garrett mentioned the importance of the new National Waste Policy that includes:

- The Public Place Recycling Initiative
- Packaging Covenant
- Reduce, reuse, recycle policy - yet to be released
- Hazardous Waste policy of reduce, reuse and minimise
- The Australian Government recognises that we consume more than is necessary therefore the challenge is to recycle 99% of household waste (includes the public place waste recycling initiative)
- Gov't aims to do better by setting a target of waste recovery by 33% over the next 5 years and by 40 million tonnes by 2020.

National Waste Policy

- It is the first national policy for 5 years
- Describes the role of government
- Complies with the Basil Convention
- Compliments the CPRS
- All levels of government and industry will participate
- In addition to reduction and recycling, it will involve data gathering and aims to deliver certainty for business including national targets

Product Stewardship Program

- All players will take a role
- Anticipate that an industry lead scheme will commence within 1 year

Waste Management Industry figures for 2007/08

- \$30.7 million invested in equipment
- \$16.8 million/.... end of life
- 44 billion By 2028
- 29,000 people employed

Consumers indicate they are willing to pay up to \$27 for reuse/recycling

Priorities

- Investment in hazardous waste management
- Reducing GHG from landfill.
- Reduction of water and energy consumption and GHG emissions