



## Recovering food packaging

The Australian Government is supporting the Australian Food and Grocery Council Limited (AFGC) to recover more plastics from the food and grocery supply chain.

### The problem

There is currently no comprehensive, national program for the recycling of soft plastics. It is estimated that more than 1 million tonnes of plastic packaging waste is generated every year, with over 820,000 tonnes going to landfill.

### The solution

This project is delivering a National Plastics Recycling Scheme to enhance recycling of plastic packaging as well as increase the use of recycled content. The scheme aims to increase the recovery of plastics to 70% by 2025, which will result in an additional 573,900 tonnes being recovered every year.

The Australian Government is providing a grant of \$985,866 for the project through the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund.

### When

This product stewardship project commenced in January 2021.

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The Australian Government's National Product Stewardship Investment Fund aims to increase the number of industry-led product stewardship schemes in Australia through grants of between \$300,000 to \$1 million.