



**Our waste.  
Our responsibility.**

# National Waste Report 2020

The National Waste Report lets us track our progress as we work towards targets to reduce waste.



Compared to 2006–07, Australians are generating:

**3.3% less** waste per person



**20% less** council waste<sup>a</sup> per person

**15% less** waste per person in our commercial and industrial sector<sup>b</sup>



In 2018–19 our three largest waste streams included:



**12.6Mt<sup>c</sup>**  
Council waste<sup>a</sup>



**21.9Mt<sup>d</sup>**  
Commercial & industrial



**27.0Mt**  
Construction & demolition

In 2018–19 Australia generated 74.1 million tonnes of waste



That's **2.94 tonnes per person**, equal to 40 full kegs of beer

To meet our national target of recovering 80% of our waste by 2030, the Australian Government is:



Investing over \$1 billion to **turbocharge our waste and recycling industries**



Introducing a **world-first waste export ban** on unprocessed glass, plastic, tyres, paper and cardboard



Supporting **more industry-led recycling schemes** through the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund



Developing a National Plastics Plan to **improve our recycling of plastic waste**



Committing to **halving our food waste** by 2030

a Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) b Including ash c Mt = 1 million tonnes d Excluding ash