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Reflections since the Circular Economy Ministerial Advisory Group commenced in Feb 23 and the way forward from here

Keynote



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Circular Economy Ministerial Advisory Group

Functions

- Identifies barriers and opportunities
- Recommends Commonwealth interventions
- Engages widely

Workplan



February
Identify
priorities



May
Circular design
and consumption
of products



August
Built
environment
and net zero



October
Economics and
indicators



February 2024
Innovation
and skills



March 2024
Food,
resources
and trade



May 2024
Place-based,
regeneration
and biodiversity

Members

- [Chair] Professor John Thwaites AM, Monash
- Dr Larry Marshall, former CSIRO CEO
- Professor John Spoehr, Flinders University
- Romilly Madew AO, Engineers Australia
- Samantha Read, Chemistry Australia
- Dr Cathy Foley AO PSM, Chief Scientist
- John Gertsakis, Product Stewardship CoE
- Dr Dominique Hes, Greenfleet
- Michael Jackson, Downer
- Paul Klymenko, Planet Ark
- Claire Kneller, WRAP Asia Pacific
- Vaughan Levitzke PSM, Circular 360
- Lisa McLean, Circular Australia
- Professor Robynne Quiggin, UTS
- Mark Rawson, WMRR

Participating Ministers

- Minister for the Environment and Water
- Minister for Industry & Science
- Minister for Climate Change and Energy
- Minister for Infrastructure
- Treasurer
- Minister for Education
- Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

From 'Waste' to 'Circular Economy'

National Waste Policy

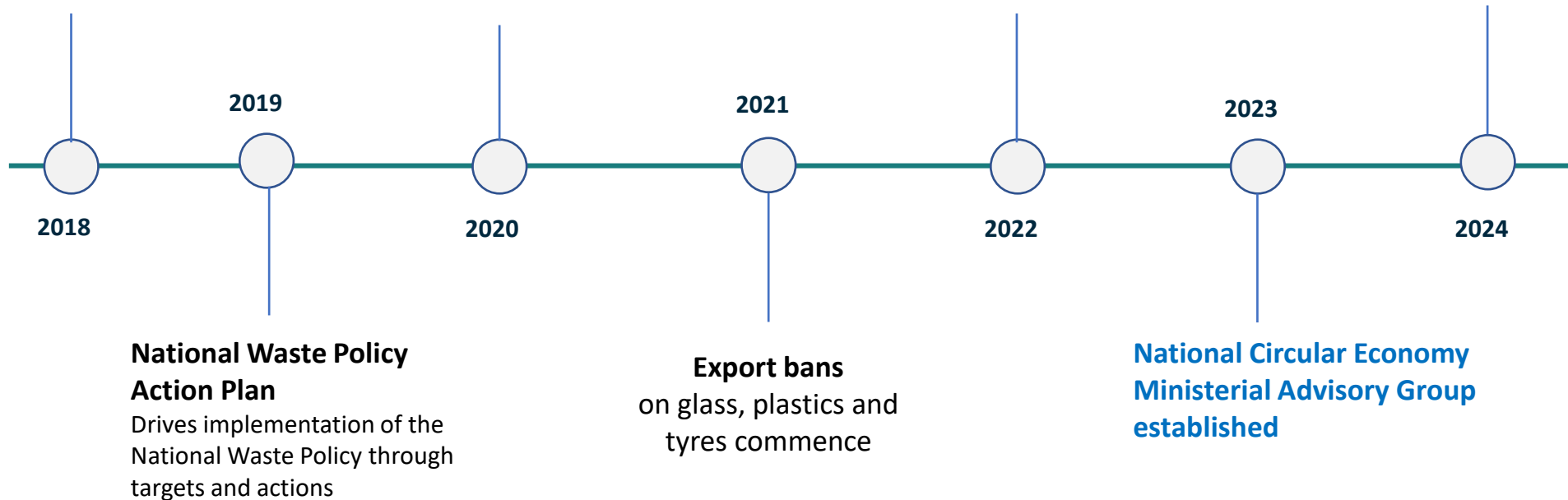
Underpinned by circular economy principles, but focussed on waste reduction

New recycling legislation

- Establish waste export bans
- Domestic recycling infrastructure
- Product stewardship

Environment Ministers commit to a circular economy transition

National Circular Economy Framework to be released



Advisory Group Approach

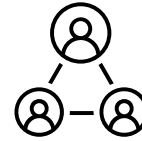
Invite submissions



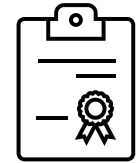
Consult industry



Open discussion



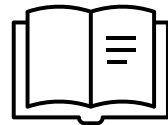
Hear from experts



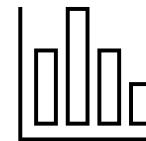
Engage portfolio and
Ministers



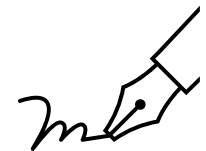
Review literature



Develop and test
recommendations



Minister actions early
where appropriate



Working with key Ministers



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Key early recommendations

Create a **National Circular Economy Framework** and a **circular economy framework power** in legislation

Revise and strengthen **Commonwealth regulations** to support a circular economy

Include the CE in the new **National Reconstruction Fund (NRF)** to support markets

Embed circular economy principles and actions across all six net zero sector plans of Federal Government (energy, industry, buildings, transport, resources, and agriculture)

Undertake study to determine CE measures that will have largest impact on net zero

Embed CE in government building procurement

Set national and sector-based targets and report

Expand the scope of its **sustainable finance taxonomy** and **Green Bonds framework** to include the circular economy



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