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**ACOR AND ATRA AMALGAMATE AS RECYCLING
SECTOR MOVES FORWARD**

Tyre recycling will be given a greater focus under a new partnership announced today by the Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR) and the Australian Tyre Recyclers Association (ATRA).

ATRA will work within an ACOR Tyre Recycling Division, which will promote industry leading practices in tyre recycling and help drive the sustainability of the used tyre recycling sector.

“The used tyre recycling sector is maturing alongside the rest of the recycling industry in Australia and this amalgamation is testament to its important role in the industrial and manufacturing sector,” said Rob Kelman, Executive Officer of ATRA.

“There will be a continued focus on ATRA’s approach to industry audits and accreditation, but it will also bring much more accountability in terms of our exports,” said Mr Kelman.

The announcement is a further milestone in ACOR’s development as the peak body for Australia’s recycling industry and the amalgamation will be finalised by July 2019.

“Industry leaders and companies have agreed that working together under the one banner will help bring a focus to the issues and projects that matter and to necessary policy reform,” said Peter Tamblyn of Close the Loop, who was elected as ACOR’s President at its AGM yesterday.

“The recycling industry employs 50,000 people across Australia and is worth around \$20 billion to the Australian economy, and this shows us further maturing.”

ACOR’s partnership with ATRA facilitates the creation of an ACOR National Divisional structure to include tyre recycling, metal recycling, container deposit schemes operators (CDSO), e-waste recycling and plastics.

Under the new structure, Rob Kelman will take the position of Executive Director of ACOR Tyres & ACOR CDSO working alongside ACOR CEO Pete Shmigel.

“It’s a team of outstanding experience and expertise that will take our industry to the next level in terms of our contribution to the Australian economy,” Mr Tamblyn said.

“The public interest in sustainable waste management and resource recovery continues to grow and we look forward to working with Government and all our tyre industry partners from retailers, manufacturers and Tyre Stewardship Australia to advance the sustainability and long-term, commercial viability of the sector,” Mr Kelman said.

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