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### **AWESOME RECYCLING APPOINTMENTS BY SCOMO**

The appointment of Sussan Ley MP as Minister for Environment and Trevor Evans MP as Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction is awesome and represents unprecedented national leadership on recycling, according to the Australian Council of Recyclers, the peak body for the 50,000 strong and \$20 billion valuable industry.

“This is the first time - Commonwealth or State and probably OECD - there’s direct ownership and accountability for recycling results at Ministerial level. The creation of the Assistant Minister role is cool and really welcome innovation by Prime Minister Scott Morrison, and puts recycling up in lights as a national issue and opportunity,” Peter Shmigel, ACOR CEO, said.

“The Assistant Minister also helps guarantee the delivery of the Coalition’s very substantive and useful recycling promises, including infrastructure funding and product stewardship progress. Travis Evans has a background that makes him ideally placed for the role.

“It’s also great to have Sussan Ley and her significant Ministerial experience in the policy area.

“As we did in supporting the development of Coalition policy in the election, ACOR will be a super positive partner in implementation of the new recycling agenda, especially as things might get tougher in Asia soon. It will be especially important to get the National Waste Policy Action Plan updated and to expand previous Commonwealth commitments to also buying RCPs (recycled content products) such as recycle roads.

“There’s so much upside here - community benefits, landfill diversion, greenhouse gas reduction and juicy regional jobs. Let’s recycle and roll, Ministers!” Shmigel said.

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