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***ACOR MEMBERSHIP GROWING THROUGH SOLUTIONS AND INNOVATION***



**ACOR is pleased to have accepted the membership applications of Australian Paper Recovery, Bingo Industries, Closed Loop and Northern Adelaide Waste Management Alliance at its Board meeting last week in Brisbane.**

In 2018, ACOR has grown to 36 members and is the peak national body for the recycling sector, which is worth some \$20 billion, represents up to 1% of the national economy, and employs approximately 50,000 people. ACOR's members uniquely span the recycling value chain of collection, sorting, processing and remanufacturing, and the MSW, C&I, C&D and stewardship-related activity streams.

“As ACOR aims for smart solutions in resource recovery policy and leadership in industry innovation, it's pleasing to have new members like APR, Bingo, Closed Loop and NAWMA join ACOR and contribute,” David Singh, ACOR's President, said.

“Our Board understands it's time for our industry to stand up, put forward new ideas and positively partner for results-based recycling.

“Results-based recycling is about more jobs, broader environmental gains and continued community confidence via a mature industry. We get there through sound and accountable policy, technological and digital innovation, closed loop teamwork, and urban growth management.

“Landfill diversion is quick singles. The sixes are greater economic and environmental capital through a bigger and better recycling industry and its stewardship work with governments and product manufacturers. China gives us a great reason to go to bat,” Singh said.

ACOR’s new members conduct the following activities:



APR - a collector and processor of cardboard, paper and plastic and a manufacturer of plastic, with some 5 facilities in Victoria, and currently recycling some 156,000 tonnes per annum of material



BINGO - an ASX listed recycling and waste management company across NSW and Victoria currently recycling over 1m tonnes of material.



CLOSED LOOP - a facilitator of whole-of-supply-chain resource recovery solutions such as the Simply Cups coffee cup recycling program



NAWMA - a local government processor of kerbside recycling and other materials, with a new mid-tier MRF in Northern Adelaide, and currently recycling some 30,000 tonnes of kerbside recycling material annually

Since deciding on its solutions-focussed direction in late 2017, ACOR has:

- Developed a \$150 million plan in response to China Sword to keep 50% of currently exported material recycled in Australia and creating 500 jobs and reducing greenhouse gases by 50,000 cars;
- Conducted social research that shows Australians' ownership of recycling remains very high and that 88% of Australians expect their political leaders to support the recycling sector; and
- Initiated Project Yellow – together with partners and supporters from governments, industry, and environmental groups – to use education to reduce contamination in and costs of kerbside recycling.

Going forward, the ACOR Board has decided to build a 10 Point Plan for Results-Based Recycling. A key element will be developing industry accreditation and system standards. ACOR will also provide stronger policy and innovation forums for businesses active in stewardship, including for packaging containers through deposit/refund schemes, e-waste, batteries, oil, solar-related equipment and tyres.

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