

Investment Facilitation Framework | Participate Sustainability

The framework will:

- Provide a strategy to attract and facilitate investment in Victoria's waste and resource recovery infrastructure, as identified in the [Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan \(SWRRIP\)](#).
- Provide a coordinated and consistent investment service that improves Victoria's investment appeal to waste and resource recovery infrastructure investors.
- Raise awareness of Victoria's waste and resource recovery infrastructure investment opportunities by promoting them locally and abroad.
- Reduce the risk to investors by helping address market barriers to investment in the sector.
- Facilitate the delivery of projects with improved technologies to effectively manage Victoria's waste flows and reduce the impact on local communities and the environment, while increasing the commercial reuse of recovered resources.

We are asking you (those who make the decisions day to day that drive the WRR sector's development) to assess the barriers to investment that we have identified.

Please start the [survey](#) below so we can better understand if:

- We have identified the right barriers
- They are barriers for the reasons we have stated
- There are critical top barriers that prevent you from investing further in the WRR sector.

For more information and context about the Investment Facilitation Framework please refer to the [fact sheet](#) or [register for a workshop](#) to learn more about this project and provide feedback to inform development.

Survey

- CLOSED: This survey has concluded. [SV has identified the following eleven barriers that can affect investment in the waste and resource recovery sector.](#)

Barrier title		Barrier description
1	Investor and cross-government awareness of Victoria's WRR investment opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The opportunities for investment across asset classes are substantial Jurisdictions are actively competing for investment capital globally Opportunities in the WRR sector are often eclipsed by more visible infrastructure projects An awareness of local opportunities is vital.
2	Investor awareness and understanding of procurement, land-use planning and approvals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Investment capital is time sensitive and mobile Pursuing an investment carries with it an associated cost for the investor Risk is a crucial element in determining where to invest, how much and when Awareness of the procurement, planning and approvals process is varied.
3	Investor access to WRR data and information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> WRR data and information is an essential component in an investment decision SV facilitates the distribution of Victoria's municipal waste data The SWRRIP has collated existing datasets on waste flows across the state There is currently no "real-time" WRR data Crucial data on C&I and C&D waste streams is largely locked in commercial contracts.
4	Opportunities to improve coordination across government for WRR-sector investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government agencies interact with the investor community to encourage investment Government messaging to investors can sometimes lack coordination and consistency There is an opportunity to develop a holistic view of the WRR sector across government.
5	The social licence to operate	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communities maintain a high level of interest in local WRR facility development Awareness of local community concerns, needs and expectations enables a better assessment of risk and generates the social licence to operate.
6	Access to finance for new technologies and limited scope energy-from-waste projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Getting full value</i> promotes the use of new technologies Unproven technologies or those of insufficient scale can prove excessively risky.
7	Access to finance for small-scale projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Impatient and mobile capital, combined with long lead times for commissioning WRR facilities raises the risk and opportunity cost of an investment Smaller project scale can reduce the appetite for a project due to insufficient returns.
8	The quality and quantity of waste feedstock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The availability of sufficient volumes of uncontaminated waste feedstock is a critical determinant in the viability of a WRR infrastructure investment The composition of MSW flows is understood although the rate of contamination varies. The composition, quality and quantity of C&I waste is less transparent Accessing this information on waste flows, including their geographic component and key players in its generation and reprocessing, is crucial to informing investment decisions.
9	Consumer and business demand for recycled/ reprocessed materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demand for reprocessed waste is a critical revenue stream for WRR infrastructure Next-user demand enables throughput of materials, minimises the risk of stockpiling and reduced revenue flows for a facility, thereby improving the business case Generating this demand requires raising awareness across the community.
10	Capability and consistency of local government procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local government procurement for WRR infrastructure will drive investment activity There are a variety of procurement practices across Victoria's 79 LGAs Investors are deterred by delays and the need to adjust bids, raising bid costs.
11	Land-use planning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land-use planning is critical in securing the necessary land to develop WRR infrastructure Adequate planning in advance of further urban development limits the likelihood of encroachment by developments that can threaten the viability of WRR facilities.

For each of these barriers: Do you agree that this barrier affects the ability to invest further in the waste and resource recovery sector?

THIS CONSULTATION IS NOW CLOSED.

For more information on SV's Investment Facilitation Service go to www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/invest

Investment Facilitation Framework: project engagement timeline

- **Stage 1: October 2013 to August 2014**

Investment Facilitation Framework has finished this stage

Waste and resource recovery investment research and engagement with business / industry and government to better understand investment barriers and conditions.

- **Stage 2: 22 September to 31 October 2014**

Investment Facilitation Framework has finished this stage

Business / industry and government consultation (workshops and online) to test the waste and resource recovery investment barriers that will inform the development of the Investment Facilitation Framework.

Read the Investment Facilitation Framework Fact Sheet (see below) and [FAQs](#)

- **Caretaker: 4 to 29 November 2014**

Investment Facilitation Framework has finished this stage

As the Victorian State election will be held on Saturday 29 November 2014, the Victorian Government has assumed a caretaker role from 6pm, 4 November. During the caretaker period, content will only be added to this website in accordance with the caretaker conventions.

- **Under preparation: November 2014 to mid 2015**

Investment Facilitation Framework has finished this stage

The Investment Facilitation Framework for waste and resource recovery infrastructure is currently being prepared and the function is being set up.

- **Stage 3: Mid 2015**

Investment Facilitation Framework is currently at this stage

Investment Facilitation Framework for waste and resource recovery infrastructure release. The framework becomes operational and will provide:

- An overarching strategy for investment in the sector
- A service for current and prospective investors
- A coordinated approach across Victorian state government to promote investment and growth in the sector.