



The Australian Government is supporting the Battery Stewardship Council to establish the national Battery Stewardship Scheme.

## The problem

It is estimated that 18,600¹ tonnes of batteries are discarded to landfill in Australia annually. All batteries are hazardous to some degree and it is important Australia can safely and responsibly dispose of batteries.

## The solution

The Battery Stewardship Scheme is an industry-led initiative to provide free battery recycling to consumers across Australia.

The Battery Stewardship Council has recruited industry partners including Duracell, Energizer, Coles and Woolworths to fund recycling and provide collection services for end-of-life batteries.

The Battery Stewardship Scheme will also increase awareness of battery recycling and battery safety to minimise the environmental, health and safety impacts of end-of-life Batteries.

The Australian Government is providing a grant of \$1,000,000 for the project through the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund.

## When

This product stewardship project is expected to launch in January 2022.

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<sup>1 &</sup>quot;Australian Battery Market Analysis" (2020) EnvisageWorks on behalf of the Battery Stewardship Council.