



Recycling mattresses and bedding

The Australian Government is supporting the Australian Bedding Stewardship Council Limited (ABSC) to develop an industry-led product stewardship scheme for mattresses and bedding.

The problem

Over 1 million mattresses are disposed of in landfills each year in Australia. This causes stability issues for landfills and releases harmful micro particles into the environment.

The solution

Since 2013 the industry has been working with social enterprise recycler Soft Landing on a mattress recycling scheme in the ACT, NSW, Vic and WA. This grant is supporting the expansion of the scheme to cover all states and territories.

The project is supported by Australian manufacturers, retailers and supply chain participants that represent 60% of the market.

The project is also exploring opportunities to increase recycling of pocket springs and composite textiles which currently have low recycling rates. ABSC is being supported with a grant of \$937,700 through the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund.

When

This new product stewardship scheme is expected to launch in December 2022.

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The Australian Government's National Product Stewardship Investment Fund aims to increase the number of industry-led product stewardship schemes in Australia through grants of between \$300,000 to \$1 million.