

Waste derived fill specification 2012 (consultation draft)

In January 2010 the EPA published the *Standard for the production and use of waste derived fill* (the standard). Since then, the EPA has continued to receive and review feedback received from industry and the wider community regarding its implementation. It has become evident during implementation that further clarity is required regarding acceptable inclusions for some waste materials and the point at which the material becomes a product.

The EPA has developed the *Waste derived fill specification 2012* which will replace the standard as the publication applying under clause 4(a) of the *Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010 (Policy)*.

Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy 2010

In September 2010 the *Environment Protection (Waste to Resources) Policy* (the policy) came into operation. Clause 4 of the policy states that:

For the purpose of the definition of waste in section 3(1) of the Environment Protection Act 1993, waste or material resulting from the treatment of waste continues to be waste except insofar as—

- (a) it constitutes a product the meets specifications or standards published from time to time or approved in writing by the authority...

Waste derived fill meeting the specification will be considered a product under clause 4(a) of the policy.

Waste derived fill guideline

The EPA intends to replace the standard as the relevant publication under clause 4(a) of the policy with the specification (once finalised). The standard will be reviewed and released as a guideline document providing users with the necessary information to support the beneficial reuse of waste derived fill.

Should you wish to provide comment on the specification please address your submission to Andrew Evans.

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