

Resilience for our Communities



AUSTRALIAN ASPHALT PAVEMENT ASSOCIATION

# Future Decision Making for Sustainable Asphalt

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Crumb Rubber Modified Asphalt laid as warm Mix by Downer Group

The asphalt industry is fiercely competitive and sustainable alternatives are recognized as meeting customer goals and, when developed, bring operational and cost saving advantages.

### From waste to increased durability and lower costs

- 1. Bitumen bottom of the barrel waste in 1890's
- 2. Recycling up-cycling used asphalt
- 3. Lowering energy "warm mix"
- 4. Renewable energy wood chips, solar power
- 5. Using less EME2, perpetual pavements
- 6. Durability no cracks from the bottom "perpetual"
- 7. Removing waste vehicle tyres, glass, toner ink, plastics too



## Asphalt recycling – RAP

### **Benefits**

Across Australia 15% RAP on average will save annually

- 1 400 000 t aggregate (1% of annual aggregate production in Australia)
- 4 000 t pa bitumen (Equivalent to 175 road tanker loads)







### How to measure it?

- Environmental Product Declaration (EPD)
- Based on International calculator and local & international accredited data

#### Environmental Facts

Functional Unit: 1 U.S. short ton of Asphalt Mixture

	Primary Energy, Materials (MJ)	6.0×10 <sup>3</sup>
	Non-Renewable Energy (MJ)	4.9×103
	Renewable Energy (MJ)	1.5×10 <sup>1</sup>
	Primary Energy, Energy (MJ)	4.0×103
	Non-Renewable Energy (MJ)	3.9×103
	Renewable Energy (MJ)	5.5×101
	Water Use (Gal.)	2.5
	Global Warming Potential (kg CO <sub>2</sub> eq)	55
	Acidification Potential (kg SO <sub>2</sub> eq)	0.233
	Eutrophication Potential (kg N eq)	0.007
	Ozone Depletion Potential (kg CFC-11 eq)	7.3×10-9
	Smog Potential (kg O <sub>3</sub> eq)	4.4
	Boundaries: Cradle-to-Gate Company: XYZ Asphalt RAP: 10%	







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## The calculator – Product Category Rules (PCR)

PCR sets the rules to follow for EPD

- Scope
- Unit
- Boundaries
- System Diagram
- Cut-off criteria
- Exclusions
- LCA & Data





### **Environmental Product Declarations**

### **Required to cover USA**

- Climate Change, kg CO2-Equiv
- Stratospheric Ozone Depletion, kg CFC11-Equiv
- Eutrophication, kg N-Equis
- Smog, kg O3-Equiv
- Acidification, kg SO2-Equiv
- Water Use, Gallons or M3
- Fossil Fuel Depletion, MJ
- Hazardous Waste, kg

Impact category	Unit
Typical Europe	
Global Warming Potential (exluding biogenic CO <sub>2</sub> )	kg CO <sub>2</sub> -Equiv.
Acidification Potential	kg SO <sub>2</sub> -Equiv.
Eutrophication Potential	kg Phosphate- Equiv.
Ozone Layer Depletion	kg R11-Equiv.
Photochem, Ozone Creation Potential	kg Ethene-Equiv.
Abiotic Depletion (elements)	kg Sb-Equiv.
Abiotic Depletion (fossil)	MJ



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#### PRODUCT CATEGORY RULES

EN 15804

NPCR 025 version 1.1

Issue date: 07.04.2017 04.12.2017 Revised date: Valid to: 07.04.2022

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**Product Category Rules (PCR)** 

For Asphalt Mixtures

Version 1.0

January 31, 2017



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## **EPD** in Australia

- International EPD with Australian addendum available from mid 2018 – developed through START2SEE
- Expect first use by end 2018 making use of Australasia EPD
- Engagement with State and Local Road Authorities to fast track sustainability assessment at project tender evaluations.



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ENVIRONMENTAL PRODUCT DECLARATION

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### More buyer benefits and opportunities to come

### Is the EPD enough? What else can industry do?

- AAPA Sustainability Framework rating for products & plants
- Improved environmental outcomes
  - Resilience & durability WOLC = fuel & noise reduction,
  - Reduced maintenance downtime = less congestion
- Wider inclusion of waste products
  - CRM in noise reducing porous asphalt
  - Gap Graded CRM asphalt for cracked pavements
  - Up-scaling plastic waste
- Bio binders as bitumen extenders
- Incentives for environmental sustainability improvements



## **EME2 High Modulus Asphalt**



- Strictly performance based design
- Now fully implemented in Australia
- 20-25% reduction of pavement thickness
- Significant cost reductions and sustainability benefits



### Future decision making – made simpler

- Credible internationally linked tools and benchmarks for Australia
- Whole of Life Cost (WOLC) models will increasing value long life, smooth road pavements supported by EME2 and CRM seals and asphalt
- AAPA Sustainability Framework will provide a path for progress in our everlasting asphalt pavements
- Industry keenly aware of the role they can and must play to service our community with more durable, resilient and cost saving options





#### Sustainability in Public Works Conference

14-15 MAY SYDNEY



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