

Australia's construction and demolition industry generates more than 27 million tonnes of waste production each year and is the largest source of managed waste in Australia.

Building materials account for about half of all materials used and about half the solid waste generated worldwide. These materials have an environmental impact at each step of the building process—from extraction of raw materials, processing, manufacturing, transportation, construction and disposal at the end of a building's useful life.

Construction by-products are responsible for increasing stress on our finite waste management sites, construction and also risk polluting waterways and soil. These impacts can be detrimental to communities as well as the environment.

Four tips on how to Avoid, Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

- Prepare for and manage which products you buy, how much and when
- Reduce wastage through storing surplus materials for use at a later time
- Source materials to reuse such as plantation timber, soil and fill or recycled concrete for appropriate aspects of the job
- Sort materials to reduce contamination and enable recycling

We have provided a template which is a required document to accompany all construction certificates.

If further information is required, please contact our Development Concierge.

LINKS

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