



Tarkett deliver circular economy to the Australian flooring market

At Tarkett, we are taking important steps towards a circular economy. As a global flooring manufacturer and supplier, we take our leadership role in Sustainability very seriously. In 2022 we were the only flooring manufacturer to reach A- score (leadership level) at CPD, the world's leading climate disclosure program. But what about locally in Australia?

Tarkett Australia is proud to offer local customers a truly circular solution to their flooring waste. Through local investment in processing machinery alongside key partnerships with logistics and suppliers, Tarkett Australia can collect and divert flooring offcuts and select post-use waste from landfill.

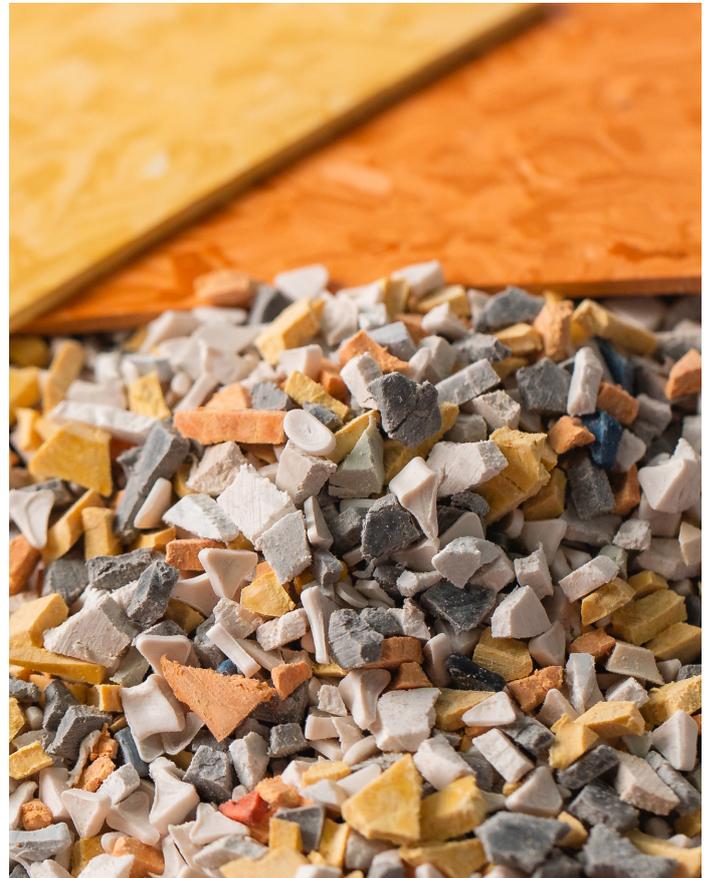
This valuable resource is processed in Australia and returned to our factories to be turned back into high quality flooring, effectively closing the loop on flooring 'waste'.

Tarkett's ambitious global goals are to achieve 30% of recycled content in our flooring by 2030. This goal is achievable through our ReStart® program which has collected over 115,000 tonnes of flooring waste since 2010 (the equivalent of 4000 loaded trucks). In Australia, Tarkett has diverted nearly 9,000kgs of waste flooring from landfill in 2022, with that number to grow in years to come.

Investment in local capabilities was required to process our waste flooring for both shipping efficiencies, and in preparation for recycling at our plants. This investment has been a journey involving several parties and included grant funding from the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA) Bin Trim program. The combined efforts of all parties have delivered a functional system that will allow local construction greater access to make sustainable product choices.

Key to the success of initiating Tarkett Australia's local ReStart® program were our machinery partners in Waste Initiatives. The team supported us from day one, assessing our needs, designing the right machinery, and assisting with advice on available grant funding and navigating waste export licenses.

Our Logistics & Warehousing partner, GMK Logistics have been instrumental in setting up the operational side of our local ReStart® program. As our local distribution partner, it made sense to house our recycling operations on GMK's site to avoid double handling. GMK have worked with us to ensure our ReStart® program is operated with safety being key.



Leveraging on GMK's existing cardboard recycling program, our paper and cardboard waste is also recycled as a part of the wider local ReStart® program. This extends efforts associated with the ReStart® program beyond just flooring material.

The NSW EPA and our independent Bin Trim assessor, Theresa Troup of Cleanaway assisted us in navigating the application process for our Bin Trim grant which was ultimately successful. We are proud to be part of the Bin Trim program, which is designed to divert waste from landfill, making the most of valuable resources, in Tarkett's case through a circular recycling process.

Consultation with Next Gen flooring, a key committed contractor partner in Adelaide, allowed us to learn more about how to run an effective and functional recycling program in Australia. This relationship has been vital to continued learnings and system improvements that will benefit all Tarkett Australia customers.

In June 2022 our granulator was installed in Sydney after a process of site trials with Waste initiatives, including on-site training. This installation marks a key turning point for the capability of Tarkett Australia's recycling program as we launch our pilot phase with key contractors. Flooring offcuts can now be collected from installation sites and transported to Tarkett's Distribution partner GMK, for processing and shipping back to our factories, so the offcuts can be utilised in the manufacture of new flooring.

Marketing Manager, Stacey Smith says "Tarkett's products are designed with recycling in mind. So, it's great to be able to extend the ReStart® recycling program to our local customers. It's been quite the journey getting our local program up and running, but with the support of our key partners including Bin Trim, EPA, GMK and of course our flooring contractors, we are now well on the way in our local journey".

Learnings from our pilot program will be utilised to bring improvements as we launch ReStart® to all of our customers.

Tarkett is the only flooring manufacturer to pioneer post-use recycling for Carpets, Linoleum and Vinyl floors. On average, our Vinyl floors are made up of 24% recycled content, while our carpets contain over 60% and our Linoleum more than 30%. Locally, Tarkett Australia is committed to delivering real circular economy solutions to our customers.

Together we're building the way to better floors.