

## PRESS RELEASE

Date 22 December 2023.

**Sustainability Corner - Result Group to guide visitors at APPEX 2024 with this collaboration and knowledge building space**

**If you are heading to APPEX 2024 and are wanting to have an informed and balanced approach to meeting the 2025 National Packaging Targets, the 2030 Food Waste Targets and the Federal Government mandatory packaging designs standards, then visit the Sustainability Corner on the Result Group stand.**

According to Michael Dossor, Group General Manager “it is only apt that **Result Group** is launching the **Sustainability Corner** on their stand as we have been a key player in helping to guide companies on the role that packaging plays in creating a circular economy for the region for many years.”

“Through our partnerships with key organisations in this space we are proud of how much Result Group has contributed to educating the industry in topics such as Sustainable Packaging, Save Food Packaging and Active & Intelligent Packaging.

“We wanted to take these partnerships a step further and create a unique **Sustainability Corner** where visitors to APPEX can access detailed information, research, leading technical experts and resources that discuss Sustainable & Circular Packaging Design, Save Food Packaging Design, Food Waste.”

“We also respect that there are four key leading associations in this space that have the expertise to guide visitors, and so we have invited them to showcase their work in Sustainability on our stand. The supporting organisations are End Food Waste Australia, End Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre, the Australian Food Pact, GS1 Australia, the AIP, and APCO,” said Michael Dossor.

Recognising the interdependence of Recycling and Packaging, the **Sustainability Corner** will be a central point where both elements gain a mutual understanding. Through collaboration and shared knowledge, it aims to bridge gaps, fostering a more integrated and sustainable approach within the industry.

### **What can you expect to learn about?**

**End Food Waste Australia** (formerly Fight Food Waste CRC & Stop Food Waste Australia) - and all associated bodies such as the Australian Food Pact, End Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre - will be providing information and knowledge on Food Loss and Waste, interventions across the value chain, extensive research and reports and how to join the Australian Food Pact.

Food waste impacts people, our planet and industry profitability. Australia produces enough food to feed 75 million people every year, yet millions of Australians go hungry every day. A staggering 7.6 million tonnes of food goes to waste each year (enough to fill the Melbourne Cricket Ground ten times over), 70% of which is edible. We know that food waste feeds climate change, with near 10% of global greenhouse gas emissions coming from the food we throw away. And it's costing us, with food losses totalling a massive \$36.6 billion each year in Australia.

End Food Waste Australia's (EFWA) mission is an Australia without food waste, starting with halving food waste by 2030. They aim to create a more productive, sustainable and resilient Australian food system by ending food waste and food insecurity.

EFWA are leading impactful and research-informed food waste action driven through partnerships that will make real change from paddock to plate. From research and development to on-the-ground support, their expert team are committed to make this happen. If you grow, make, move, sell or buy food, you are vital in the fight against food waste. EFWA provide the link between government, businesses, industry bodies, retailers and consumers, to help connect and get everyone onboard to end food waste, and they have already made a big impact.

They have formed the world's largest dedicated public-private partnership of more than 100 organisations focused on ending food waste and have led Australia's most comprehensive research in consumer food waste behaviours, uncovered new technologies for transforming unavoidable food waste into new resources, and developed evidence-informed food waste best practices.

*"Each year, Australian industry and households discard an astonishing 7.6 million tonnes of food, and the majority of it ends up in landfill. The end of food waste starts with all of us, and together, we can turn the tide and make a global impact that will resonate for generations, creating a more productive, sustainable, and resilient food system for Australia and its communities." EFWA CEO, Dr Steven Lapidge*

**APCO** - is Australia's co-regulator for packaging and has historically had a remit that includes helping its members acquit their environmental obligations to government, coordination of the 2025 National Packaging Targets, the Australasian Recycling Label and Sustainable Packaging Guidelines. APCO is currently working closely with industry and government to support the development of stronger regulations that will see mandated packaging design standards and recycled content requirements.

"APCO welcomes government's move to strengthen the regulation of Australia's packaging system to improve equity, certainty and consistency, and reduce environmental impacts while progressing toward a circular economy. APCO is here to support businesses on this journey and we look forward to answering your questions at APPEX 2024." APCO CEO, Chris Foley

GS1 Australia will be providing access to information on everything related to 2D barcodes, traceability, interoperability and supply chain ease of use and the importance existing standards play in creating the National Traceability Framework. The importance of the link with sustainable practices GS1 plays will be on show.

**AIP** - as the peak professional body for packaging training and education - will be providing visitors access to the Save Food Packaging Design guidelines and all of the resources, research and checklists that have been developed for the industry.

Nerida Kelton, Executive Director of the AIP added that 'The Save Food Packaging design guidelines that will be showcased in the Sustainability Corner will help companies to minimise food loss and waste

through better packaging design at the start. The Institute will also highlight best practice examples of Save Food Packaging design and Sustainable Packaging design that have won Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIDA) Awards and WorldStar Packaging Awards on the Result Stand.'

Operating as a place for the most recent updates, legislations, and requirements, as well as a platform for knowledge-sharing and the exchange of ideas, the Sustainability Corner serves as a focal point for the entire industry. This includes Packaging, Brand Owners, Producers, Recyclers, and Industry Bodies, fostering deep collaboration across all aspects of sustainability. More than just a conceptual space, it provides a hands-on experience, featuring innovations that have the potential to initiate tangible and sustainable change.

Mr Dossor added that he is personally passionate about this topic and has led the way by being on a number of GS1 Australia's working groups, a member of APCO's National Packaging Targets Implementation (NPTI) Working Group, a Consortium partner of the AIP-led Save Food Packaging design consortium in the End Food Waste Australia Cooperative Research Centre, running Active & Intelligent Packaging training course for the AIP, has joined the Active & Intelligent Packaging Industry Association (AIPIA) as a foundation member globally and contributes to all discussions about getting the balance right between food and packaging waste targets.

### **ESGs: A Continual Journey**

Whether you are just starting, making progress, or finishing up your journey in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG), think of the Sustainability Corner as a helpful friend. It will provide an active platform for continuous engagement, ensuring that your ESG initiatives remain in harmony with the dynamically evolving landscape of sustainable practices. The commitment to the journey persists, and here is your chance to plan, confirm, or double-check – the next step in the **Sustainability Corner**.

At Result Group, we are proud to be a partner of these four industry organisations, as they actively share a common vision that creates a seamless balance between packaging needs. Each organisation plays a distinct role, whether focusing on legislative aspects, setting supply chain standards, or providing training and education for packaging experts and entrepreneurs.

Despite these diverse roles, their ultimate objective remains the same – deep collaboration, education, provision, and goal setting within the industry. Their joint efforts aim to support manufactures, retailers, customers, and various stakeholders in navigating regulatory requirements while transitioning towards sustainable practices.

"Sustainability lies at the heart of our business – all our solutions are geared towards waste minimisation for a more environmentally conscious future. This collaborative spirit defines our engagement with these four industry associations, and their unwavering support is invaluable," Michael Dossor said.

Recognising the significance of sustainability, it's crucial for Recycling to comprehend Packaging, and vice versa. We are excited to present these four partners, each bringing their expertise and knowledge to the Centre. Rather than solely relying on our endorsement, we encourage you to seek guidance and independent advice from these industry experts. This serves as the go-to destination for valuable insights.

**Result Group invites you to visit our stand E030 to discover the most innovative solutions aligned with finding the balanced approach to being able to meet 2025 National Packaging Targets, 2030 Food Waste Targets and also planning for Federal Government mandatory packaging design standards. Don't just take our word for it .... Talk to the independent experts.**

## **Background on Sustainability Centre Associations**

**End Food Waste Australia (formerly Fight Food CRC):** With an unwavering focus on minimising food waste. In the home, at raw material source or paddock, through the supply chain, in store and through production and processing Australia wastes \$36.6 billion worth of food per annum. The End Waste team have a goal of reducing that by 50% by 2030.

**GS1 Australia** is a standards organisation that facilitates the implementation of global standards to improve supply chain efficiency and accuracy. It plays a crucial role in enabling businesses to adopt standardised identification, communication, and data exchange practices to enhance collaboration across various industries.

**Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation (APCO):** APCO, the driving force behind the Australian Packaging Covenant, is fervently committed to steering the industry towards a circular economy for packaging, thereby reducing environmental impact. The goal – 100% of packaging to be reuseable, recyclable or compostable. 70% of plastic packaging recycled or composted. 50% average recycled content across all packaging and Phase out problematic and unnecessary single use plastic packaging by 2025

**Australian Institute of Packaging AIP:** Having served the industry for 60 years the AIP is the only peak professional body for packaging training and education in Australasia. The AIP has strong cooperative partnerships with GS1 Australia, is a core participant of End Food Waste CRC, is a founding partner of End Food Waste Australia, runs the Save Food Packaging project, is APCO's education provider for the 2025 National Packaging Targets, the Australasian Recycling Label and the Sustainable Packaging design Guidelines, leads the Packaging Working Group for End Food Waste Australia, partners with RMIT in research on Save Food Packaging, is an Association Member of APCO, is a Member of ANZPAC and runs multiple training courses for the industry in all associated topics under the umbrella of Sustainability. The AIP are also the coordinators of the annual Australasian Packaging Innovation & Design (PIODA) awards which are the exclusive entry point for entries into the prestigious WorldStar Packaging Awards for Australia and New Zealand.

Result Group:

**Result Group** is a supplier of innovative packaging equipment & materials that help Australian businesses achieve better efficiency in their manufacturing and distribution processes. Traceability and Sustainability are core to our ethos and are delivered through technology, collaboration and thinking outside the square.

Result operates four business units: - Product Identification - Value Added Packaging - Process Automation - Self Adhesive Materials.

Result Group has 14 major partnerships with European and American brands, some of which are the largest companies in their field. Each partner has been deliberately selected based on a specific technology feature that is unique in the Australian market, offering a distinct advantage to our customers. Visit the website at [www.resultgroup.com.au](http://www.resultgroup.com.au) for detailed information.