



Recycling facility faces closure



Established in 1879, Alex Fraser is a recognised global leader in the recycling of construction and demolition waste, and the production of sustainable construction materials through its network of sites across Melbourne and Brisbane.

At its Clarinda Recycling Facility, which commenced operations in 2009, Alex Fraser recycles problem glass waste from kerbside collections, and construction waste, diverting it from landfill to make recycled construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's 'Big Build' infrastructure projects.

The Clarinda Recycling Facility has the capacity to recycle around one million tonnes of waste each year alone – around 25 per cent of Melbourne's glass and construction waste, which is enough to fill the MCG every two years.

Alex Fraser's Clarinda Recycling Facility forms a critical part of Victoria's network of world-class recycling facilities. It has a large buffer zone, is extremely well screened from view, and is well serviced by the road network which allows recyclable material to be conveniently transported in and recycled materials transported out.

Alex Fraser recycles problem glass waste into high specification sand for construction.

How Alex Fraser is helping to build Victoria

Almost every Victorian has driven on a 'green road', built from materials recycled by Alex Fraser.

Alex Fraser supplies recycled construction materials to projects including the Level Crossing Removal Projects, Monash Freeway Upgrade, Thompsons Road Upgrade, and the Hallam Road Upgrade. It is also ideally located to supply the planned Suburban Rail Loop, South Eastern Roads Upgrade, and Mordialloc Freeway.



Recycled materials are urgently needed to build green roads in Kingston and beyond.

The Issue

The operating permit for the Clarinda Recycling Facility is due to expire in 2023. Without an extension from Council, the site will shut down.

This would mean one million tonnes of waste could have to go to landfill every year, instead of being recycled into construction materials required for Victoria's 'Big Build' infrastructure projects. Indeed, Melbourne would need to establish a major metropolitan quarry to extract the same volume of resources urgently needed to build the infrastructure planned for Melbourne's south east.

Kerbside glass is at the heart of Victoria's recycling crisis. A recent State Government grant has enabled the Clarinda facility to recycle 200 million bottles of glass waste every year; converting tonnes of glass fines that can't be turned back into bottles into quality construction sand. Closure could mean this waste goes to landfill.

Alex Fraser is seeking a 15-year extension to its operating permit so it can continue to save up to one million tonnes of recyclables from going to landfill every year, and continue to produce construction materials urgently needed for Victoria's major infrastructure projects.

An extension will provide Alex Fraser time to find and move to an alternative site, giving Victorians certainty about recycling capacity and the availability of urgently needed resources.



The construction materials Alex Fraser produces from waste that would otherwise go to landfill reduces the carbon footprint of projects by up to 65 per cent.



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LESS EXTRACTION



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LESS GLASS TO LANDFILL