

AIB Policy on Waste Minimisation

Policy

2.7.1 Construction and demolition can constitute up to 40% of waste going to land fill. Australia has a national target to reduce such waste. Consequently, the Australian and New Zealand Environment and Conservation Council (ANZECC) has developed the Wastewise Construction Program.

2.7.2 The Australian Institute of Building is participating in the Wastewise Construction Program and is thereby committed to achieving waste reduction in any construction and demolition industry activities through avoiding, reducing, reusing and recycling waste wherever possible. It can only achieve such reduction through its members adopting a best practice approach in protecting the environment, saving resources, avoiding waste, increasing the reuse and recycling of materials and reducing the amount of waste going to land fill.

Members' Obligations

2.7.3 Members must therefore develop or promote, at their workplace, waste management best practice, which includes:

- a. The recognition of Australian governments' determination to minimise waste and the benefits of a national approach;
- b. A framework commitment to undertake waste minimisation as part of normal business and operations, including sub-contractors;
- c. Promoting an organisational commitment minimisation through, for example, annual reports;
- d. A commitment to an industry waste reduction agreement target or the Wastewise Agreement; and
- e. A waste minimisation strategy covering:
 - (1) A waste audit,
 - (2) A waste minimisation plan for each area of operations,
 - (3) Management and training,
 - (4) Site arrangements, and
 - (5) Contracts and purchasing.