



# **Update from the Australasian EPD Programme**

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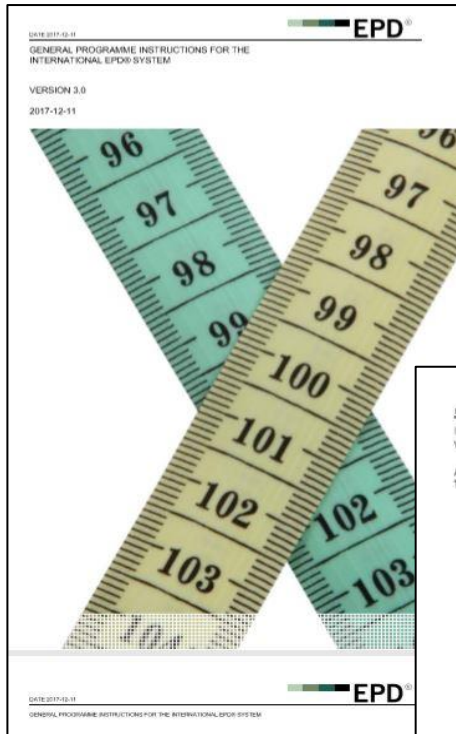
# History of The Australasian EPD

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- A strategic joint-venture between The Australian Life Cycle Assessment Society and the Life Cycle Association of New Zealand.
- Launched in 2015
- Regional partner of International EPD System.
- Governed by a voluntary Board of Directors (50/50 AU/NZ), managed by a small Secretariat with support from a voluntary Technical Advisory Group

# Programme rules



**Follows the IEDPS General Programme Instructions with an additional regional annex for regionally specific issues**



**All EPDs to date have used IEPDs PCRs**

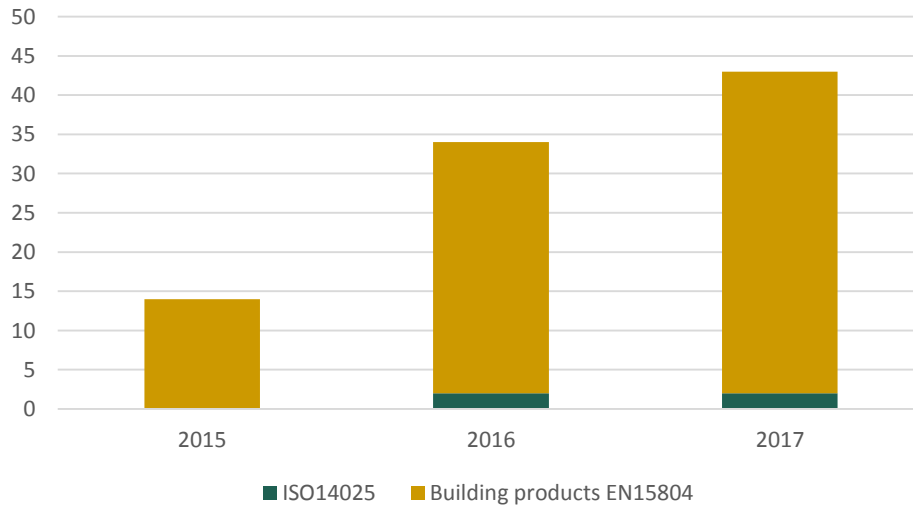
**Currently have a regional appendix for a PCR out for public consultation**

**EPD Australasia Technical Advisory Group issues guidance notes for regionally specific technical and interpretation issues**

# Growth of the Australasian EPD Programme

- 44 of the 47 Australasian EPDs are for building or construction products (EN 15804).
- 3 EPDs are paper/tissue products and rolling stock
- 42 from Australia , 5 from NZ

Australasian EPDs registered



# Australasian EPD owners – 30 members, 47 EPDs



# Drivers for EPDs in Australia and New Zealand

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- **Key drivers: recognition of EPDs in rating systems of**
  - Green Building Councils of Australia and New Zealand
  - Infrastructure Sustainability Council of Australia.
- **Other drivers:**
  - state government tender requirements and;
  - top tier companies wanting to demonstrate environmental responsibility and transparency.
- **Starting to see interest from other sectors including fabrics (wool and leather) and the energy sector, BUT still significant potential in construction**
- **We are now funding on ground advocacy in Australia and New Zealand in construction and also developing targeted contacts in emerging sectors such as packaging, transport and agriculture.**



# Future Challenges

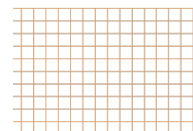
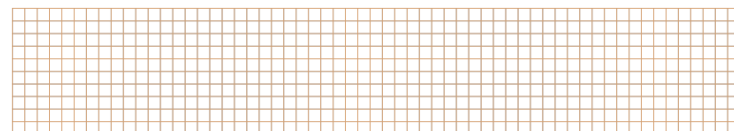
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- Increasing understanding of and advocating for LCA and EPDs in other sectors and how we can fund and support this
- Draft Logo Use policy to encourage use of the EPD Australasia logo for promotion and put in place some specific rules
- Ensuring owners get value out of their EPDs so they revise and renew
- Process verification
- Ensuring effective oversight and managing conflicts of interest



## *International issues we'd like addressed:*

- How can we help to ensure the EPD brand will be protected/differentiated? Accreditation of Programme Operators?
- Ensure credible data and truly independent verification



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