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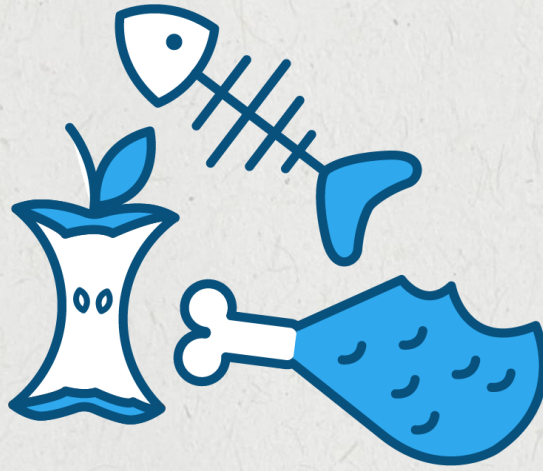
E-WASTE

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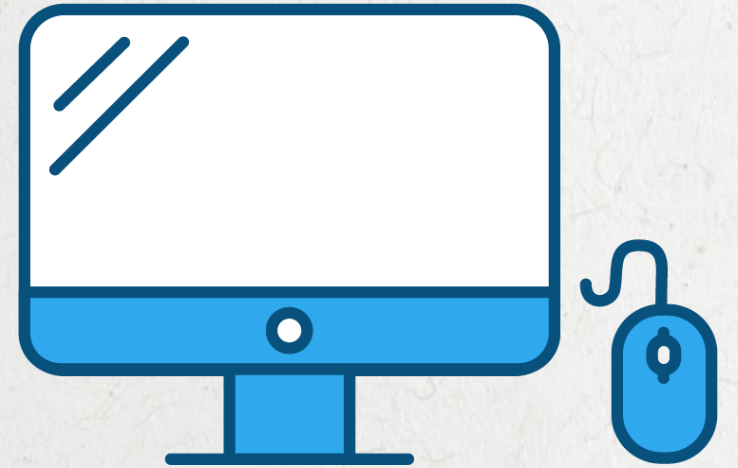
WHAT THE FASTEST GROWING WASTE STREAM IN AUSTRALIA IS?



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FOOD WASTE



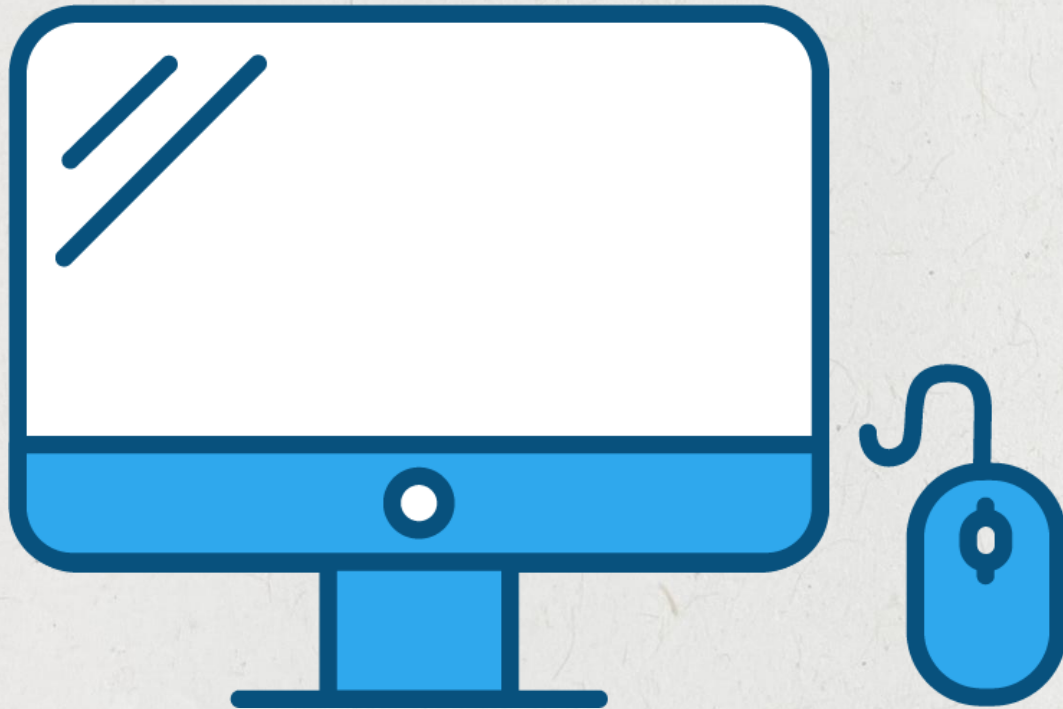
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Answer:

E-WASTE



E-waste is a term used for broken electronic products at or near the end of their useful life. Products with a cable cord, battery or power plug are considered e-waste.

**EACH AUSTRALIAN DISPOSES
OF 20.7 kgs OF E-WASTE
PER YEAR**

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The Waste Hierarchy

MORE THAN RECYCLING

When thinking about waste management, considering the waste hierarchy is a great way to identify which efforts may have a better outcome. The first thing we should focus on is avoiding creating waste when possible, then reducing, reusing, recycling.



REDUCE & AVOID



REUSE & REPAIR



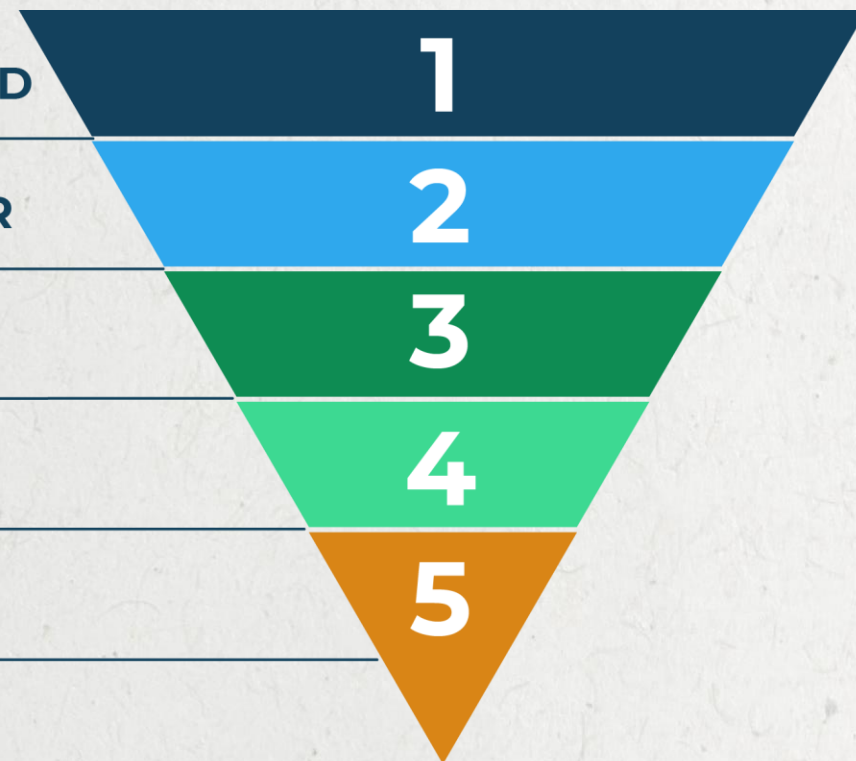
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Mobile phones

STATISTICS

There are more than **23.5 million mobile phones** hoarded in Australian homes.

4.2 million of them are broken phone that can be recycled. Over **95% of the materials** in mobile phones can be recovered and returned to the supply chain to go back into making new products.



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Mobile phones

HOW-TO RECYCLE

Recycle them at one of the **3,500 public drop-off points** including major mobile phone retailers, some local libraries, or check with your local council at recyclingnearyou.com.au.

You can also pick up a free recycling satchel from Australia Post or order one from **MobileMuster**.



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TVs, Computers

AND ACCESSORIES

Australians are among the highest users of new technology in the world, **purchasing nearly 5 million computers every year**. Under the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme, every company that makes or imports computers into Australia is required to pay for the end-of-life recycling of these products. **That means, you can drop off your old TVs and computers for recycling for free.**



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FOR LOCAL OPTIONS

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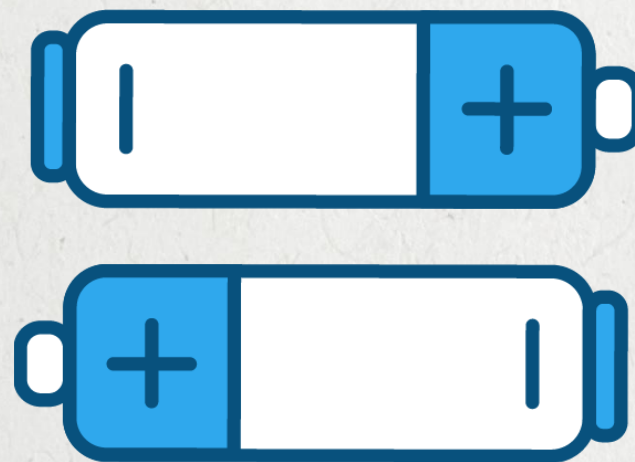


Batteries

HIDDEN DANGERS

Batteries can cause **fires and explosions at landfills and sorting facilities**. This includes batteries in laptops, mobile phone, power tools, cars and cameras.

Recycling batteries correctly not only reduces fire hazards but keeps toxic materials out of landfill where they can contaminate soil and groundwater.



**TO HELP PREVENT FIRES,
ALWAYS TAPE BATTERY ENDS
FOR RECYCLING**

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Batteries

HOW-TO RECYCLE

Rechargeable batteries are a great way to reduce battery waste.

When recycling, look for participating retailers to recycle batteries from home. For workplaces, consider investing in a box from **Batteries from Planet Ark**.



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Printer Cartridges

VALUABLE RESOURCES

Printer cartridges are not e-waste but are used in an electronic product. They are made up of a **complex mix of plastics, metal, inks and toners** which represent a significant investment in resources. When they are disposed of in landfill these resources are lost.



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Printer Cartridges

HOW-TO RECYCLE

Cartridges 4 Planet Ark provides a **free, easy and environmentally accredited** printer cartridge recycling program.

Our Melbourne-based recycling partner, **Close the Loop®**, is independently audited on an annual basis for its zero waste to landfill guarantee.



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Tips

HOW-TO RECYCLE

- Before buying a new electronic product, consider **sourcing a secondhand item**.
- Before recycling, consider **repairing your item, donating or reselling your item to the manufacturer** to be used as spare parts.
- Visit recyclingnearyou.com.au to find all programs in this deck, your closest e-waste drop-off locations, plus services available from your local council.



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ALL YEAR ROUND

Don't stop the great work here! Get your office reducing, reusing and recycling all year round made easy with our recycling directory, resources and more.

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