

MEDIA RELEASE – LIGHTING COUNCIL AUSTRALIA

RECYCLING OF LIGHTING PRODUCTS HAS NEVER BEEN STRONGER

Lighting Council Australia has received an update from an industry partner regarding the recycling rates of lighting products nationwide. This comes at a time when the focus on sustainability and the environment across Australia has never been stronger.

“The total amount of lighting products processed and recycled over the last 12 months was recorded at over 1,600 tonnes. This result clearly shows the efforts that manufacturers, lighting designers and consumers are acting on the environment and sustainability of their lighting materials”, said Environment & Public Affairs Officer, Mr Will Houtsma.

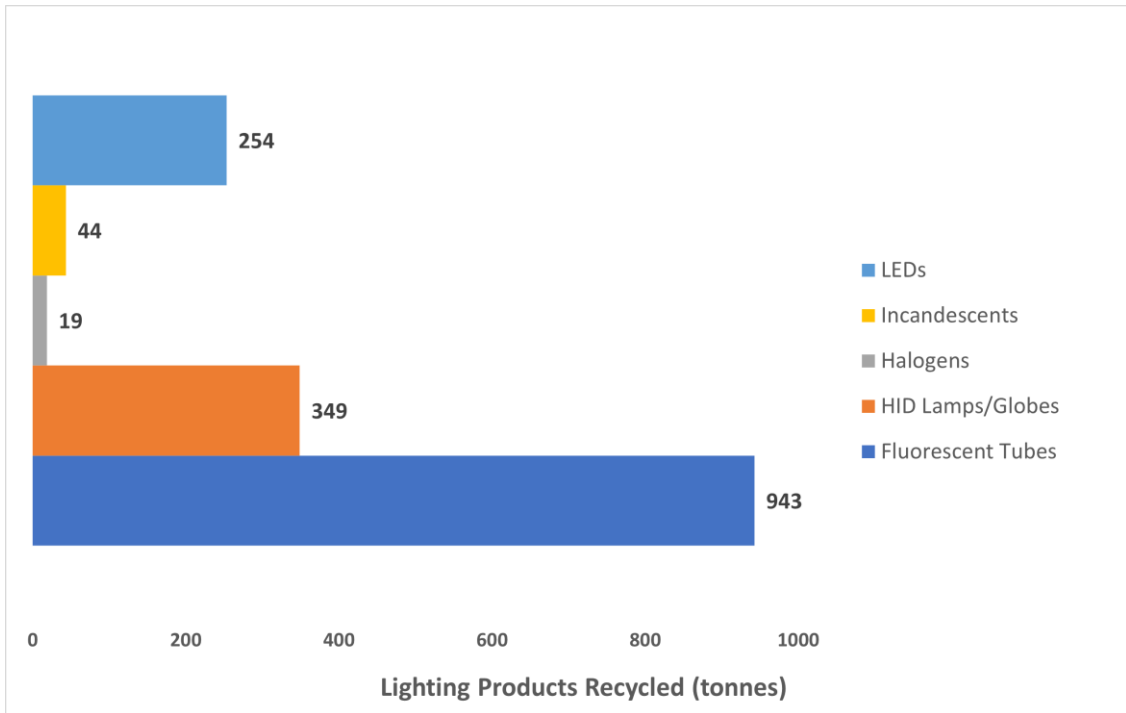
From this reported total, it was disclosed that 59% of the lighting products were fluorescent tubes. This is equivalent to 943 tonnes of mercury-filled fluorescent lights that were processed and recycled. This is unsurprising as countries across the globe are gradually phasing these hazardous, mercury-ridden products from their markets in favour of more sustainable forms of lighting.

“Furthermore, the total tonnage of LED products processed and recycled was greater than 254 tonnes, equal to 16% of all lighting products recorded. This result is a testament to the longer life span and durability of LEDs in comparison to more traditional forms of lighting”, said Mr Houtsma.

This is a remarkable result for members of Lighting Council Australia, as more companies are choosing smarter environmentally friendly ways of recycling their products, resulting in positive sustainability on products throughout the lighting market.

The following appendix shows the different categories of lighting products that were successfully processed and recycled in 2022 by our industry partner.

Appendix 1 – Lighting Products Recycled – Australia: Lighting Council Australia



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