

Australia based Asahi Beverages & Coca-Cola Europacific Partners to build recycling plant

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The plant, a cross-industry solution, will be built in an industrial precinct on Horsburgh Drive and construction will start in early 2022 and finish in 2023. It's expected to create more than 100 local jobs during the construction phase and 45 permanent roles once it's complete. The capital expenditure for the project will be around \$50 million.

Each facility will be capable of processing the equivalent of around 1 billion plastic bottles - collected via Container Deposit Schemes and kerbside recycling each year. This will be converted into more than 20,000 tonnes of high-quality recycled PET bottles and food packaging by each facility, which will use state-of-the-art sorting, washing, decontamination and extrusion technology. While competitors in the beverage market, CCEP and Asahi Beverages have joined with Pact and Cleanaway to form this joint venture to deliver a substantial increase in the amount of PET plastic recycled and reused in Australia.

The cross-industry joint venture draws on the expertise of each member. Cleanaway will provide PET through its collection and sorting network, Pact will provide technical and packaging expertise and Asahi Beverages, CCEP and Pact will buy the recycled PET from the facility to use in their products.