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## Our Commitment to the Australian Packaging Covenant

BIC is committed to sustainable development. With respect to products, all BIC products are made with just what's necessary. Leaving out anything superfluous, to be more economical and innovative in the use of raw materials. There are 3 key approaches to products;

1. Maximum performance, for minimum resources. As a result of this BIC Group became the first writing instrument manufacturer to earn the NF Environment Label.
2. Eco-friendly alternative materials. BIC works with universities, research institutes, research & development laboratories on recyclable materials, bio-sourced materials and clean technologies for plastics & inks.
3. Produce products that are singular, but not single use. BIC products are designed for maximum life performance; up to 3 KM writing for a ball pen or 3,000 flames for a lighter and 17 shaves for a 3 blade shaver.

At local level, BIC Australia has committed to The Australian Packaging Covenant (APC) which is a sustainable packaging initiative that aims to change the culture of Australian business to design more sustainable packaging, increase recycling rates and reduce packaging litter.

As a signatory of the Covenant, we have:

- Developed a system that ensures all new local product designs are reviewed against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines.
- Worked with current suppliers to review current packaging against the Packaging Guidelines in line with assessment schedule.
- Tracked and measured waste streams with an aim to increase the number of product streams and tonnage recovered throughout our offices and warehouse facilities.
- Developed and implemented a policy to procure recycled content across a range of products and packaging.
- Advised suppliers of our commitment to the Covenant and request their assistance in providing environmentally efficient packaging solutions.