

ATRA Introduction

The Australian Tyre Recyclers Association (ATRA) represents the interests of the sustainable used tyre collection and recycling industry.

ATRA members embody the highest principles of sustainable used tyre collection and recycling. ATRA is affiliated with the Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR).

ATRA's support for its members includes:

- Federal, State and Local government political engagement that furthers the business interests of ATRA's members including enforcement of regulations across the industry with particular attention on unsustainable operators
- Work to develop additional Federal, State and Local government regulatory intervention when and where this improves the commercial and environmental sustainability of the industry
- Federal and State government engagement regarding any regulated product stewardship schemes
- Work to build new and expanded markets for secondary use materials
- Providing a platform for members to discuss industry issues.

The following document outlines ATRA's membership criteria and principles to which members agree as a basis for membership of the association.

ATRA Member Criteria

Membership of ATRA is open to persons involved in the used tyre collection, reuse and recycling industry (including organisations) who:

- support the purposes of ATRA;
- agree to comply with the Rules of ATRA; and
- are able to demonstrate a commitment to these Principles of Membership (both historically, and into the future).

These Principles of Membership reflect the goals that are central to ATRA's principal purpose. Commitment to, and compliance with, these goals underpins ATRA's ability to fulfil its purpose and is, therefore, a condition of membership.

ATRA Principles

Commitment to Environmentally Sound Practices

End-of-Life Tyres must:

- (a) Not be stored at a secondary site that does not comply with these Principles;
- (b) Not be exported in baled form;
- (c) Be processed in a manner that eliminates the risks associated with fire safety, vermin and/or the spread of vector borne disease.
- (d) Be collected by an operator who keeps a register of all tyres received and tracks their final destination;
- (e) Be processed by an operator who keeps a register of all tyres received and the manner of their processing.
- (f) In tropical climates, be collected and processed by operators who can ensure that tyre stockpiles:

- a. Have adequate weather protection; and
- b. Cannot become a breeding ground for mosquitos.

Without limit to the foregoing, **ATRA Members will:**

- Seek to pursue the highest order of resource conservation.
- Not landfill, illegally dump or incinerate end-of-Life Tyres (NB incinerate means burn a whole tyre it does not extend to the process of using waste tyres to create an alternative fuel via pyrolysis or blended fuel product).
- Not pass on the environmental and health burdens associated with End-of-Life Tyres to another country by exporting to an international destination that cannot demonstrate both legal compliance in its own jurisdiction and also meet an equivalent standard of safety to that expected of an Australian based operation.
- Respect and comply with international treaties (e.g. the Basel Convention) for the management of waste and its by-products.
- Keep a record of all tyres received, their final destination and/or manner of processing.

Commitment to Regulation

End-of-Life Tyres must only be collected by an operator who –

- (a) In those states that have relevant regulations – is licensed to collect, store and process tyres
- (b) In those states that are currently unregulated – ;
- (c) at a facility that has local government planning permission to store, collect and reprocess tyres.

Without limit to the foregoing, **ATRA Members will:**

- Comply with all applicable Australian, state/territory and local government laws and regulations.
- Maintain all licenses and approvals issued by environment authorities that allow the Member to collect, transport, store and process tyres;
- Obtain and maintain local government planning approval for each site they operate from. The planning permit should accurately describe the activities undertaken on the site.
- Not undertake any activities on the site that are not described in their planning approval e.g. not undertake reprocessing activities at a site if their planning approval only describes the storage of tyres.

Commitment to Safety

End-of Life Tyres must only be processed by an operator who has the appropriate infrastructure and procedures in place to do so safely, including having in place:

- (a) appropriate fire equipment and procedures (including hydrants, contaminated water capture) which have been inspected, reviewed and approved by the relevant state fire service.
- (b) safety plans, qualified first aid officers and current WorkCover certification.

Without limit to the foregoing, **ATRA Members will** maintain fire safety and OH&S compliance certificates.

Commitment to Legitimacy

End-of-Life Tyres must be processed by an operator that at all times operates in a legal and ethical manner. In particular operators must not:

- (a) have been convicted;

- (b) have been fined; and/or
 - (c) be facing prosecution –
- by an environmental agency.

ATRA Members will take necessary action to ensure that their proprietors, directors, officers, sub-contractors and agents also operate in accordance with these Principles.

Compliance with the Principles

1. ATRA may require Members and prospective Members to provide and maintain evidence of the following during the currency of the Member's membership, or in order to determine an application for membership:

- (a) all relevant licences, permits and approvals for the transport, collection, storage and processing of End-of-Life Tyres relating to each site operated by the Member;
- (b) local government planning approvals for each site;
- (c) fire safety and OH&S compliance.

The onus is on ATRA Members and prospective Members to:

- (a) provide ATRA with copies of any renewals or modifications to the above; and
- (b) disclose any penalties, notices, or prosecutions issued to them.

It is understood that failure to notify ATRA of an incident may result:

- (a) in disciplinary action being taken against a Member; or
- (b) in membership being denied to a prospective Member –

in accordance with ATRA's Constitution.

1. It is understood that ATRA may undertake compliance audits (at the members expense) to ensure ongoing compliance with the Principles. Failure to comply with the Principles – or with the audit process – may result in disciplinary action being taken against a Member in accordance with ATRA's Constitution.

2. To protect the Association's integrity ATRA has the right to undertake a compliance audit (including site inspections) at any time (at the expense of the member).

ATRA Membership Agreement

The following organization agrees to abide by ATRA membership criteria and principles outlined above.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____

Signatory Name: _____

Position: _____

Date: _____

Signature: _____