

# Media Release



## **ATRA response to Federal Productivity Commission report on Circular Economy**

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### **Productivity Commission fails to see mine tyre opportunities**

The Australian Tyre Recyclers Association (ATRA) has labelled today's release of the Productivity Commission report into Australia's circular economy as a missed opportunity due to its failure to recognise the significant potential of used mine tyre recovery and the products available from this valuable resource.

Global tyre manufacturers are crying out for recovered tyre material, especially Australia's large mine tyres, for the production of new tyres. This is pure circular economy and yet bizarrely the Productivity Commission analysis has failed to recognise this opportunity, said Australian Tyre Recyclers Association (ATRA) Executive Officer, Robert Kelman

In any case, 97% of Australia's used passenger, truck and bus tyres are collected and most put to a positive secondary use. Why is it the productivity commission believes its ok for mining tyres just to be dumped?

The continued burial of mining tyres in pit in Australia is completely unsustainable. Pleasingly some companies and tyre manufacturers are recognising this and moving to various recovery programs. This is appropriate and the trend will continue.

It's a shame the productivity commission analysis has failed to keep up with this trend, said Kelman

ATRA will continue to engage environment ministers in the value of mine tyre recovery as it is ultimately inevitable this material will return to the circular economy and productive secondary use, said Kelman

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