

## Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd

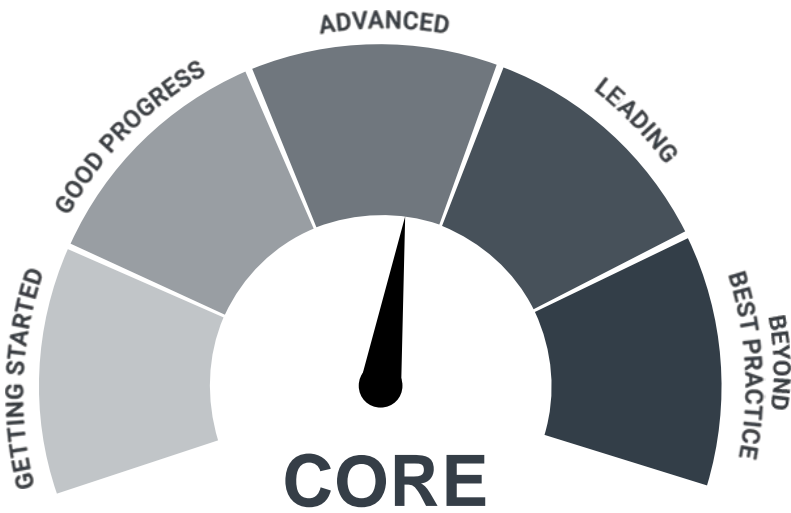
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Primary Industry Sector  
Agriculture and Nurseries

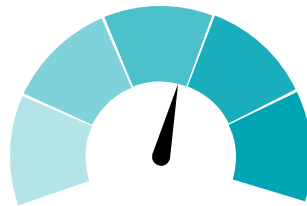
Packaging Supply Chain Position  
Manufacturer

ABN  
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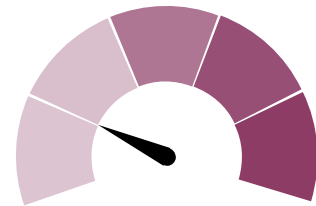
### DASHBOARD



LEADERSHIP



OUTCOMES



OPERATIONS

### SUMMARY

For the 2020 APCO Annual Report, *Evergreen Garden Care Australia Pty Ltd* has achieved Level 3 (Advanced) for the core criteria. All seven core criteria were answered and three out of six recommended criteria were answered.

### INDICATORS

This Annual Report shows the organisation's performance against the APCO Packaging Sustainability Framework.

**CORE:** All core criteria.

**RECOMMENDED:** All answered recommended criteria.

**TOTAL:** Sum of all core and answered recommended criteria.

**LEADERSHIP:** All criteria that defines leadership on packaging sustainability.

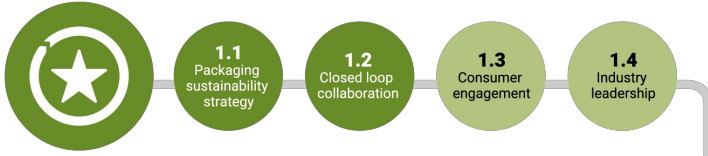
**OUTCOMES:** All criteria that lead to direct improvement in packaging sustainability.

**OPERATIONS:** All criteria related to business operations for improving packaging sustainability.

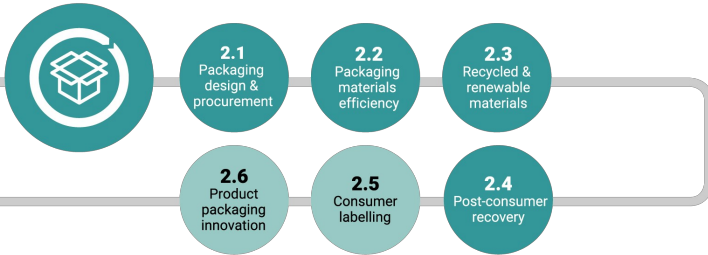
### REPORTING FRAMEWORK

#### OVERVIEW

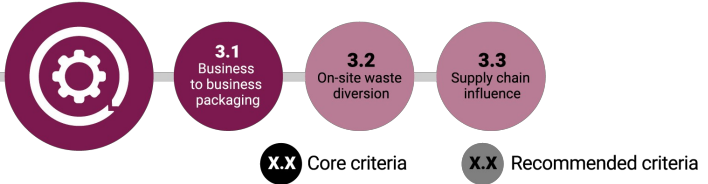
##### 1. LEADERSHIP



##### 2. OUTCOMES



##### 3. OPERATIONS



**X.X** Core criteria

**X.X** Recommended criteria

#### LEVEL DESCRIPTION

##### LEVEL 0

##### NOT YET STARTED

The organisation does not have a plan and has not started investigating options for action under the relevant criteria.

##### LEVEL 1

##### GETTING STARTED

The organisation is developing a plan or is investigating options for action under that criteria (e.g. agreeing on goals and targets).

##### LEVEL 2

##### GOOD PROGRESS

There are documented procedures in place (e.g. to implement the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines) or some progress has been achieved, data tracking shows up to 20% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

##### LEVEL 3

##### ADVANCED

The organisation has specific, measurable targets in place, or data tracking shows that >20% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

##### LEVEL 4

##### LEADING

The organisation has more rigorous procedures in place, or an ambitious target has been met e.g. >50% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

##### LEVEL 5

##### BEYOND BEST PRACTICE

The organisation has more rigorous procedures in place, or an ambitious target has been met e.g. 100% of products have achieved the desired outcome.

### ABOUT THE APCO FRAMEWORK

The APCO Packaging Sustainability Framework (the Framework) aims to provide a consistent and transparent framework for assessing and tracking packaging sustainability across organisations. The Framework consists of thirteen independent criteria that belong to three separate categories. These categories are (i) Leadership, (ii) Packaging Outcomes and (iii) Operations. The diagram above shows the different criteria included within each of these three categories.

There are two types of criteria within the Framework:

- **Core criteria** are mandatory and must be answered by all Members when completing the Annual Reporting Tool.
- **Recommended criteria** are not mandatory, but Members are encouraged to complete as many recommended criteria as possible.

Each criteria is divided into five levels of performance ranging from 'getting started' to 'beyond best practice'. The diagram above illustrates the key differences between performance levels. Please see [www.packagingcovenant.org.au](http://www.packagingcovenant.org.au) for more information.

### ABOUT APCO

APCO is a co-regulatory, not for profit organisation that partners with government and industry to reduce the harmful impact of packaging on the Australian environment. APCO promotes sustainable design and recycling initiatives, waste to landfill reduction activities and circular economy projects. APCO Annual Reports are a key Membership obligation, providing Member organisations with a transparent method to track their packaging sustainability performance. Annual reporting also supplies APCO with valuable data and information to identify industry trends and advancements.

### FREE FORM QUESTIONS

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability.

Globally, Evergreen Garden Care has set up a strategy for packaging improvements over the next 5 years (until 2025) within three main areas:

- reduction of packaging material used for our product
- reduction of virgin plastic, board and cardboard towards recycled material
- increase of recycled material and increase of recyclability of our packaging.

To off-set the global carbon footprint of the Evergreen Garden Care operations, the company engages in a program of planting trees in Mongolia.

In addition to the direction from the European Head Office, the Australian business is firmly committed to the APCO 2025 National Packaging Targets and is working toward reaching these.

In 2019, Evergreen Garden Care achieved certification to the AFAQ standard XP X 30 901:2018 (AFAQ Circular Economy Model) through an AFNOR conducted global audit.

During the reporting year, Evergreen Garden Care Australia has become a member of the Redcycle program and will roll out the addition of the Redcycle logo on all their eligible flexible packaging over the next year.

### COMMITMENTS

The Action Plan detailed below, is a public commitment to advancing packaging sustainability outcomes as a Member of APCO. Members are encouraged to have a comprehensive internal plan with the steps they will take to fulfill their commitments.

#### Criteria 1.1 PACKAGING SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY (core)

##### 2. Good progress

**Your organisation is committed to:** Integrating your packaging sustainability strategy into business policies and processes.

#### Criteria 1.2 CLOSED-LOOP COLLABORATION (core)

##### 4. Leading

**Your organisation is committed to:** Regularly monitoring quantifiable outcomes of your closed loop collaborations, and identifying areas for further improvement within existing or new initiatives.

#### Criteria 1.3 CONSUMER ENGAGEMENT (recommended)

##### 1. Getting started

**Your organisation is committed to engaging consumers about packaging sustainability by:** (1) Applying on-pack claims or labels.

#### Criteria 1.4 INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP (recommended)

##### 2. Good progress

**Your organisation is committed to:** (1) Investigating collaborative or industry leadership actions to improve packaging sustainability. (2) Being involved in a program or initiative to improve packaging sustainability through collaboration and leadership.

#### Criteria 2.1 PACKAGING DESIGN & PROCUREMENT (core)

##### 3. Advanced

**Your organisation is committed to:** Reviewing at least 20% of packaging with reference to the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPG) or equivalent.

### COMMITMENTS

#### Criteria 2.2 PACKAGING MATERIALS EFFICIENCY (core)

##### 4. Leading

**Your organisation is committed to:** Reducing packaging weight or optimising packaging material efficiency in more than 50% of products.

#### Criteria 2.3 RECYCLED & RENEWABLE MATERIALS (core)

##### 2. Good progress

**Your organisation is committed to:** Incorporating or optimising recycled and/or renewable content in up to 20% of products.

#### Criteria 2.4 POST-CONSUMER RECOVERY (core)

##### 3. Advanced

**Your organisation is committed to:** Having more than 20% of primary packaging be recoverable through existing post-consumer recovery systems.

#### Criteria 2.5 CONSUMER LABELLING (recommended)

##### 4. Leading

**Your organisation is committed to:** Labelling more than 50% of products with disposal or recovery information.

#### Criteria 2.6 PRODUCT-PACKAGING INNOVATION (recommended)

##### 1. Getting started

**Your organisation is committed to:** Investigating opportunities to change the design or delivery of at least one product to improve packaging sustainability.

#### Criteria 3.1 BUSINESS-TO-BUSINESS PACKAGING (core)

##### 1. Getting started

**Your organisation is committed to:** Developing a plan or investigating opportunities to reduce the amount of single-use business-to-business (B2B) packaging used internally or sent to customers.

### COMMITMENTS

#### Criteria 3.2 ON-SITE WASTE DIVERSION (recommended)

##### 1. Getting started

**Your organisation is committed to:** Investigating opportunities to divert solid waste generated at facilities (factories, warehouses, offices, retail stores etc.) from landfill.

#### Criteria 3.3 SUPPLY CHAIN INFLUENCE (recommended)

##### 1. Getting started

**Your organisation is committed to engaging its supply chain about packaging sustainability by:** (1) Collaborating with key suppliers to share knowledge.

### SIGN OFF

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