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Visy Statement following ABC Four Corners episode “*Trashed: The dirty truth about your rubbish*”, aired on Monday 7 August 2017

Visy is aware that you may have received questions following the above program.

Visy has prepared the below statement to give some clarity and reference to the program. Please note that the statement is general in nature only and specific circumstances or arrangements may vary on a case by case basis. In the event that this statement is distributed, published or reproduced in any form, the content of the statement must be retained in its entirety. Paraphrasing of the statement or the use of any extract from the statement is not permitted.

“Visy sees kerbside recycling as an opportunity for closed loop manufacturing. Visy is uniquely positioned within Australian industry, as both one of Australia’s largest recyclers and a major producer of packaging products, many of which have recycled content.

In Australia, Visy annually receives in excess of 850,000 tonnes per annum of material from the kerbside recycling system. Currently the largest volume of material collected in recycling bins is paper, from which Visy produces recycled paper for cardboard products at its papers mills in Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria.

From the Australian kerbside recycling system, Visy also receives other recyclable materials, such as glass, aluminium and steel. These materials are generally sold domestically or exported for recycling in the most suitable end markets.

With respect to glass specifically, Visy receives in excess of 270,000 tonnes per annum of glass from the Australian kerbside recycling system. Visy has a range options to process this glass for recycling, both directly and through third party arrangements. Recycled glass can be used for glass bottle manufacturing or blended for use in a range of infrastructure projects. Following processing, there can be residual glass materials that are currently not wanted or usable by the glass manufacturing or infrastructure industries and are therefore uneconomical to process. Visy continues to investigate other opportunities and markets for this material.

Visy does receive non-recyclable waste materials from the kerbside recycling system. Consumer behaviour is critical to ensuring that non-recyclable waste materials are not placed in the kerbside recycling bin as these may ruin good recyclable materials and stop them from being recycled. Visy supports councils educating the community to ensure that the right material is placed in the right kerbside bin.

Visy encourages councils and governments at all levels to support the growth of sustainable, domestic markets for recyclable materials including glass, similar to Visy’s local paper manufacturing. This will help to ensure a healthy recycling industry in Australia.”

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