

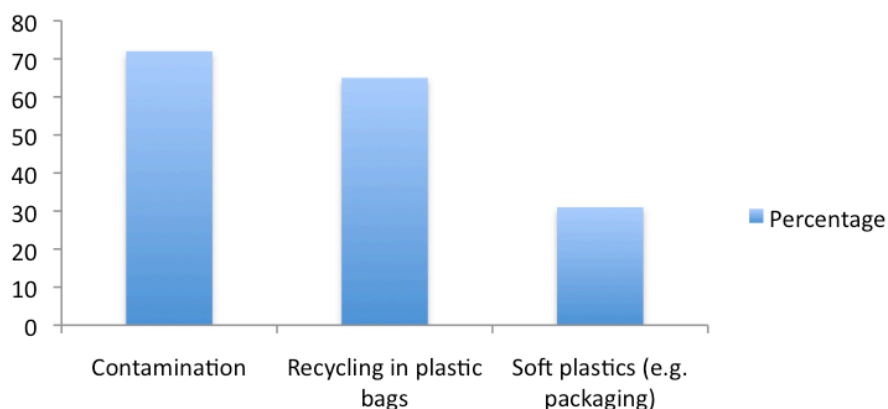


## Results of Council Input Survey

As part of this year's **National Recycling Week**, councils around Australia helped Planet Ark get a snapshot of their residents' recycling habits and mistakes.

A total of 152 Councils took part in the survey representing every state (except the ACT), 50% were from Regional areas with 40% of respondents in NSW. Below are some of the key results and themes that arose from this year's survey.

### Three Most Common Recycling Mistakes Made by Residents



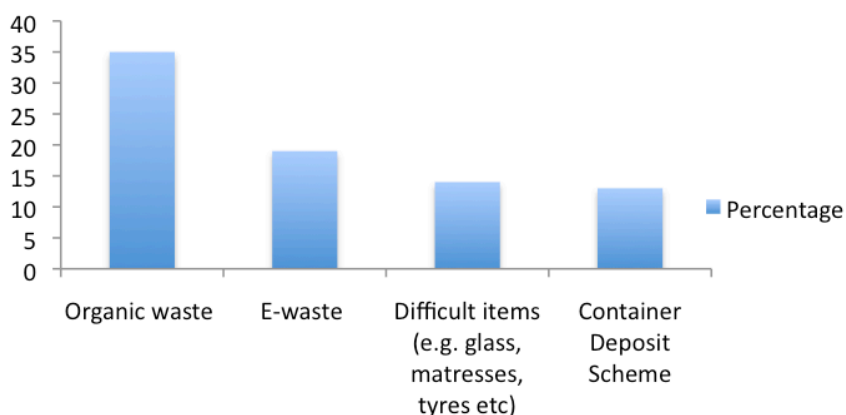
When finding out what mistakes residents were making the survey revealed that contamination was a big issue, with the use of plastic bags and general soft plastics placed in recycling bins amongst the biggest contaminants.

73% of participants indicated that 'reducing contamination in kerbside recycling' and 'reducing resident confusion' as **HIGH PRIORITY**

Looking to the future councils identified the main waste and recycling issues.

Educating residents and reducing confusion were key areas where councils wished to improve outcomes.

### What will be the big waste/recycling issues in the next three years?



**Councils want their residents to understand and improve the following recycling outcomes**

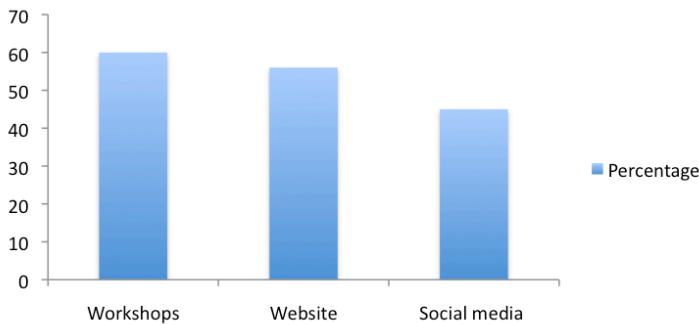


- 36% to understand the environmental and financial benefits of recycling
- 34% to understand what can and cannot be recycled
- 27% to understand the importance of separating waste to prevent contamination

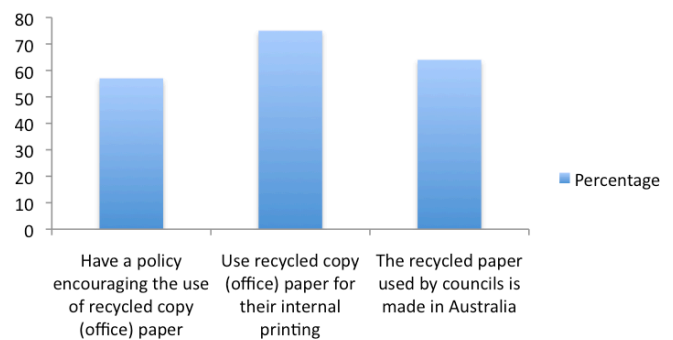
**Closing the Recycling Loop – Buy Recycled**

We wanted to know what council’s practices were around using recycled copy (office) paper.

**How councils encourage residents to purchase products made from recycled materials**



**How councils are using recycled office paper**



**More Information**

These and the other results will be included in Planet Ark’s full National Recycling Week report titled, *So You Think You Can Recycle?*

Find out more at [RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org](http://RecyclingWeek.PlanetArk.org)

