

# waste management and recycling

Good waste management practices will help reduce demand on our limited resources and may save you money. The newly introduced *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) 2006* bill sets in place a new framework for controlling waste management in WA.

## **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) offers a framework for a partnership approach between Government, business and the community to work towards a zero waste society. EPR is also a means to encourage producers to examine the lifecycle of their products and to identify initiatives that will reduce resource use, reduce wastes at all points in a product's whole lifecycle, reduce the environmental impacts of products and enhance post-consumer resource recovery. Hence, EPR places the responsibility primarily (but not exclusively) on the producers of the products of concern.

## **Product Stewardship**

Product Stewardship is an approach that recognises that manufacturers, importers, governments and consumers have a shared responsibility for the environmental impacts of a product through its full life cycle, including end-of-life management, and seeks to reduce adverse impacts and internalise unavoidable costs within the product price and the supply chain where this can be most effectively achieved.

Product stewardship is sometimes also referred to as extended product responsibility.

## **National Packaging Covenant (NPC)**

The National Packaging Covenant encourages members to adopt the principles of product stewardship for packaging.

A key component of the program for the wine industry is a set of pro-forma reporting tools, designed and built specifically to assist wine industry members to participate in the NPC.

The West Australian Wine Industry Association (WAWIA) will take responsibility for the promotion of participation in the Covenant and the management of the initial stages of implementation to all member wineries in that State. The mechanics of data collection and reporting to the NPC through the aggregated action plan will be undertaken in partnership with SAWIA.

The aims of incorporating this NPC action plan in to the wine industry are:

- To enhance the sustainable use of wine packaging by greater incorporation of cleaner production, eco-efficiency and product stewardship principles.
- To further improve customer participation in the recycling of wine packaging.