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Subject: Options for tyre recycling in the private sector

QUESTION: Can the Minister advise of options for tyre recycling in the private sector and initiatives being developed.

ANSWER:

Tyres are a listed waste under the *Waste Management and Pollution Control Act 1998*. An Environment Protection Licence is required for the collection, transport, treatment, recycling and disposal of a listed waste, including tyres.

There are several operators currently licensed to handle tyres. Licences are listed on the public register [Environment protection licences | NTEPA](#). Fees for tyre disposal are set by the licensed operators.

An industry-led voluntary product stewardship scheme overseen by Tyre Stewardship Australia is responsible for increasing the recovery of end-of-life tyres.

While commercial end markets for tyre derived products in the Northern Territory (NT) are yet to be established, studies are underway to recycle tyres for use in road construction and pavements.

The main pathway for tyre recycling is the shredding of tyres for beneficial reuse. This occurs at the Shoal Bay Waste Management Facility, where tyres are temporarily held and should not be landfilled. Shredded tyres are exported and can be used by customers as a source of fuel.

In terms of the private sector, NTEX operates a tyre recycling service. Another business is being co-funded under the National Partnership on Recycling Infrastructure to improve tyre recycling capacity in the NT.