

CAR PARTS

In Australia, over 500,000 vehicles enter the waste stream each year, with this figure continuing to rise (Environment Australia). As a single product waste stream, vehicles make up a significant waste source. Thankfully, recycling of vehicles is relatively high (estimated by Environment Australia to be over 90%)

compared to most other consumer products because of the strong market for both recycled auto parts and metals. By appropriately reusing car parts, product life is extended, as well as being significantly cheaper than purchasing new parts.

WHAT CAN I DO?

- 'Depollute' a car that you feel is at the end of its life. This means removing operating fluids, batteries and any other materials that will have a negative impact on the environment.
- Sell or give unusable/unwanted cars to your local wreckers. Search your local Yellow Pages for listings.
- When you need a part for your car, use wreckers in your area and buy recycled car parts wherever possible.

MORE INFORMATION

- www.ea.gov.au/industry/waste/awr/elv.html Environment Australia information paper on the Environmental Impacts of 'End of Life Vehicles'
- www.apraa.com The Auto Parts Recyclers Association of Australia has all sorts of tips, deals and news to do with using and buying second hand auto parts
- www.reusedirectory.com Northern Rivers residents can look up the NEWF reuse directory to find car part recyclers and wreckers in their area.