

Exporting and importing scrap, waste and recyclables:

What scrap merchants, recyclers, shipping agents, traders, auctioneers, governments and numbats need to know

Dr Greg Rippon from the Australian Government Department of the Environment and Heritage will present an overview of the operation of the *Hazardous Waste (Regulation of Exports and Imports) Act 1989* which controls the exports and imports of a wide range of materials that may be traded for recycling, reclamation or other recovery processes.



The topics covered will include:

- Why the Act? Australia's international obligations under the Basel Convention
- Numbats and their understanding of the scope of the Act
- The permit systems under the Act
- Exporting to non-OECD countries and environmentally sound management
- Oils aint oils but sometimes they're wastes! A look at the following waste streams and how they may be controlled under the Act:
 - Used oils (mineral, vegetable, other)
 - Used electronic equipment (PCs, monitors, printers, photocopiers, etc)
 - Household waste (plastics, cans, paper, glass bottles etc)
 - Batteries (lead acid, nicads, lithium)
 - Other odds and sods, but probably not numbats
- The sharp end of the Act – what happens if numbats or traders of hazardous wastes contravene the Act?