

# APCO Performance Summary

Company Name: **Confoil Pty Ltd**

Trading As:

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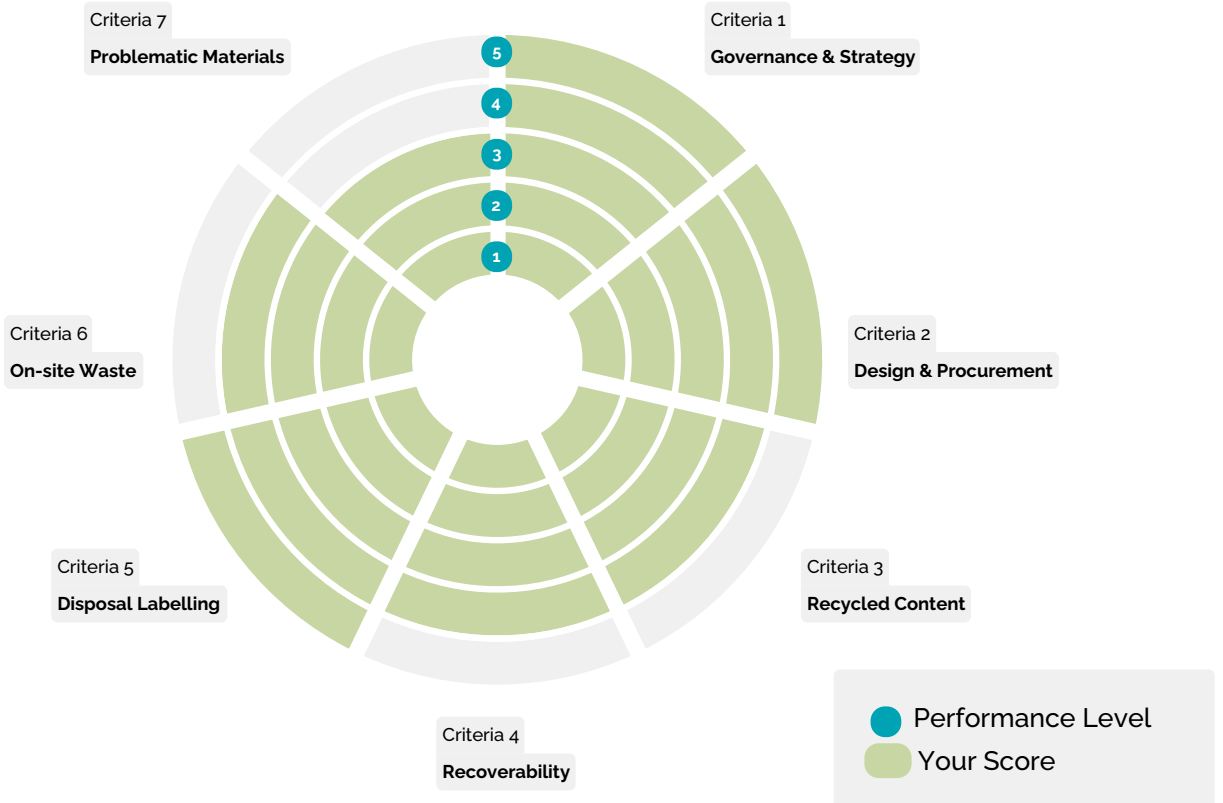
**Overall Performance 75% - Leading**

The score above and chart below indicate your organisation's overall performance in the 2024 APCO Annual Report. With your chosen reporting period of **January, 2023 - December, 2023** you have achieved a **Leading** overall performance level.



## Criteria Performance Levels

The chart below indicates your organisation's performance against each of the Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria in the 2024 APCO Annual Report. Each band represents a performance level with the green indicating your level of performance for each.



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## About APCO Annual Reporting

### Understanding APCO Annual Reporting performance levels:

- 1 Getting Started:** You are at the start of your packaging sustainability journey.
- 2 Good Progress:** You have made some first steps on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 3 Advanced:** You have taken tangible action on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 4 Leading:** You have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.
- 5 Beyond Best Practice:** You have received the highest performance level and have made significant progress on your packaging sustainability journey.

### Packaging Sustainability Framework criteria

Criteria 1: <b>Governance &amp; Strategy</b>	This criteria considers actions to integrate packaging sustainability into business strategies.
Criteria 2: <b>Design &amp; Procurement</b>	This criteria considers actions taken to ensure that sustainability principles are considered in the design or procurement of both new and existing packaging through use of the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs).
Criteria 3: <b>Recycled Content</b>	This criteria considers actions taken to increase or optimise the amount of recycled material used by your organisation.
Criteria 4: <b>Recoverability</b>	This criteria considers actions taken to improve the recovery of packaging at end-of-life and increase use of reusable packaging.
Criteria 5: <b>Disposal Labelling</b>	This criteria considers the extent to which packaging has been labelled to help consumers determine what to do with packaging at end-of-life.
Criteria 6: <b>On-site Waste</b>	This criteria considers progress in increasing the amount of on-site solid waste being diverted from landfill.
Criteria 7: <b>Problematic Materials</b>	This criteria considers the extent to which organisations are actively phasing out problematic and unnecessary single-use plastic packaging and preventing/reducing litter.

**APCO Annual Report Criteria Performance & Responses**

Provided below are your organisation's responses to the questions within the APCO Annual Report as well as a performance level for each criteria.

Criteria 1:

**Governance & Strategy:** 5 Beyond Best Practice

- 1** Getting Started
- 2** Good Progress
- 3** Advanced
- 4** Leading
- 5** Beyond Best Practice

Does your organisation have a documented strategy that includes goals (objectives) and targets for packaging sustainability that addresses the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs) or equivalent?  Yes  No

Does your organisation's strategy include a commitment to achieving the 2025 National Packaging Targets?  Yes  No

Is this strategy integrated within your business processes and has it been approved by an executive or board of directors?  Yes  No

Do you regularly communicate and promote packaging sustainability objectives and targets within your organisation?  Yes  No

Do you regularly engage or communicate with external stakeholders (suppliers, customers, final consumers, community groups etc.) relating to the environmental impact of your packaging.  Yes  No

Do you actively participate in any initiatives to promote packaging sustainability?  Yes  No

Supporting Evidence

- Confoil Environmental Statement
- Confoil Product Sustainability Overview document
- Recyclability of DualPak & DualPakECO document

*Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.*

Criteria 2:

**Design & Procurement:** 5 Beyond Best Practice

- 1** Getting Started
- 2** Good Progress
- 3** Advanced
- 4** Leading
- 5** Beyond Best Practice

How many of your 936 SKUs are reviewed against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (or equivalent) in the last 5 years?

757

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Please tell us about any positive outcomes from your packaging reviews.

By reviewing the packaging categories against the SPGs for the products manufactured onsite Confoil was able to document the extensive work (from trials, research, innovation and technology improvements) that has led to packaging products that meet a high level of sustainability. Design excellence has allowed Confoil to develop packaging from renewable & recycled material, reduce waste in production, optimised production efficiency, and design products for recoverability.

Do you believe applying the SPGs deliver business value to your organisation?

Yes  No

Which of the following Sustainable Packaging Principles have been considered in reviews of your organisation's packaging against the Sustainable Packaging Guidelines (SPGs)?

Design for recovery

Yes  No

Optimise material efficiency

Yes  No

Design to reduce product waste

Yes  No

Eliminate hazardous materials

Yes  No

Use recycled materials

Yes  No

Use of renewable materials

Yes  No

Design to minimise litter

Yes  No

Design for transport efficiency

Yes  No

Design for accessibility

Yes  No

Provide consumer information on environmental sustainability

Yes  No

How many of the 936 SKUs have been optimised for material efficiency in the last 5 years?

723

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Please tell us about any material savings you have made.

Through design innovation of the rigid foil trays and dualpak paperboard products Confoil has been able to reduce the material gauge thickness by shaping the products so that the strength is retained even with the lower gauged material. Products are made to size and the waste from production is closely scrutinized to ensure material is being efficiently used.

Supporting Evidence

Sustainable Packaging Analysis report (APCO SPG template document)  
 Production Waste Report  
 APCO Reporting 2023 document

Criteria 3:

**Recycled Content:** 4 Leading



Do you have a policy or procedure to buy products and/or packaging made from recycled materials?

Yes  No

Which of the following products that you either purchase or distribute contain recycled materials?

- Your products
- Primary packaging that you use to sell your products
- Secondary packaging that you use to sell your products
- Tertiary packaging that you use to sell your products
- Other items which you purchase (e.g. office stationary and suppliers etc.)
- None of the above

How many 936 SKUs includes at least some recycled material?

560

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Do you provide customers with the option to purchase packaging with the highest level of recycled content that is technically feasible?

Yes  No

Supporting Evidence

APCO Reporting 2023 document  
 Foil Recycled Content Report (based on supplier information/testing)  
 Visy & Abbe recycled content reports  
 Supply Chain Analysis Report

Criteria 4:

**Recoverability:** 4 Advanced



How many of your 936 SKUs have been designed so all packaging components that are recoverable (i.e. recyclable or compostable) at end-of-life? 779

Please indicate the accuracy of this response. High

How many of your 936 SKUs have been designed with separable components with mixed recoverability at end-of-life? (e.g. a jar that is recyclable with a lid that is not recyclable) 0

Please indicate the accuracy of this response. High

How many of your 936 SKUs have been assessed in the Packaging Recyclability Evaluation Portal (PREP)? 925

If you use compostable packaging, please indicate the type(s) of compostable certification (if any):

- Certified home compostable (AS5810)
- Certified industrial compostable (AS4736)
- Certified compostable to another certification
- Compostable (not certified)
- None of the above

How many of your 936 SKUs are not recoverable at end-of-life and must go to landfill? (i.e. not recyclable or compostable) 157

Have you investigated opportunities for reuse or do you currently provide your customers with any reusable packaging?

Yes  No

If yes, how many of your 936 SKUs are designed to be reused?

0

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Which of the following reusable items did your organisation utilise during the previous 12 month period?

- Pallets
- Crates
- Drums
- Intermediate bulk containers
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

Cardboard & Steel Cores

None of the above

Tick all that apply - Was this reused:

Internally (between your organisation's sites & facilities)?

Externally (with other organisations such as suppliers or customers)?

- |                                     |   |   |
|-------------------------------------|---|---|
| Pallets                             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal | <input checked="" type="radio"/> External |
| Crates                              | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal | <input checked="" type="radio"/> External |
| Drums                               | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal | <input type="radio"/> External            |
| Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBCs) | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal | <input type="radio"/> External            |
| Other (specified above)             | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Internal | <input checked="" type="radio"/> External |

Supporting Evidence

APCO Reporting 2023 document  
 Waste Overview Report 2023  
 PREP Reports  
 Compostable Certification Documents

Criteria 5:

**Disposal Labelling:** 5 Beyond Best Practice



Do you provide information to your customers on the recoverability of your packaging to help them apply correct disposal labelling on-pack?

Yes  No

Do you provide labelling on distribution packaging to inform the consumer (end-user) how to correctly dispose of the packaging?

Yes  No

If you have private label products, do they have labelling on-pack to inform the consumer how to correctly dispose of the packaging?

Yes  No  N/A

Supporting Evidence

PREP Reports  
 Confoil Product Sustainability Overview  
 Distribution packaging artwork (cardboard cartons)

Criteria 6:

**On-site Waste:** 4 Leading



Tick which of the following packaging materials you have on-site recycling programs for:

- Paper/cardboard
- Soft plastics
- Rigid plastics
- Timber
- Textiles
- Glass
- Metals
- Other (please specify)



Please specify

Electronics  
 Batteries  
 Toner Cartridges  
 Safety Equipment and Protective Gear

- All materials have recycling programs
- None of the above

Over the reporting period, how much of the waste your organisation generated on-site was diverted from landfill (was recycled, composted, reused or sent for energy recovery)?

64%

Please indicate the accuracy of this response.

High

Which of the following facilities are included in the above waste data?

- Offices
- Warehouses
- Stores
- Manufacturing facilities
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Supporting Evidence

Waste Overview document  
 Waste contractor invoices

Criteria 7:

**Problematic Materials:** 3 Advanced

1 Getting Started

2 Good Progress

3 Advanced

4 Leading

5 Beyond Best Practice

Over the reporting period, which of the following activities did you undertake to help reduce the impact of litter?

- Conduct regular clean ups
- Participate in Business Clean Up Day
- Sponsor a clean up day
- Undertook a litter education campaign
- Other (please specify)

Please specify

- None of the above

Please indicate which of the following problematic, unnecessary and single-use plastic items your organisation sells or distributes:

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
- EPS loose fill packaging
- Moulded EPS packaging for white/brown goods or electronics
- Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging
- Rigid polystyrene (PS) packaging
- Opaque polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- Rigid plastic packaging with carbon black
- Not applicable

Please indicate which of the following problematic, unnecessary or single-use plastic items your organisation is investigating options to or are actively working to phase-out:

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
- EPS loose fill packaging
- Moulded EPS packaging for white/brown goods or electronics
- Rigid polyvinyl chloride (PVC) packaging
- Rigid polystyrene (PS) packaging
- Opaque polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bottles
- Rigid plastic packaging with carbon black
- Not applicable

Have you successfully phased out any of the above materials in the last 5 years?

- Lightweight plastic shopping bags
- Fragmentable (e.g. oxo-degradable) plastics
- Expanded polystyrene (EPS) packaging for food and beverage service or retail fresh produce
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- Not applicable

### Supporting Evidence

APCO Reporting 2023 document  
Emails with suppliers of problematic items

### Additional Information

- No additional information

Please use the space below to provide your feedback on your experience with this Annual Report

The report is helpful in providing a better understanding of the materials and recycled content that we are using and providing to the Australian market.

Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability

In 2023 Confoil initiated the following practices and processes to improve our packaging sustainability:

- Project to down gauge the aluminium used for some products. Resulting in an 11% to 17% material reduction across 1000tonnes of aluminium.
- Analysis and modification of the B2B cardboard cartons to down gauge and reduce the amount of packaging used (this process is on-going and will be completed in 2024)

*Your full response can be found towards the end of this document.*

Describe any opportunities or constraints that affected performance within your chosen reporting period

An area of constraint that we face is the lack of a roadmap or defined expectation for how compostable packaging can or will be accepted and managed at end of life. Confoil has tested our DualPakECO product in labs and field trials and it has met every requirement required but as yet there is still not a defined route to recoverability for the packaging.

Please use the space below to provide examples or case studies of exemplary packaging sustainability conducted by your organisation. The information provided in the boxes may be used directly in your public facing Annual Report and Action Plan.

Confoil in partnership with Bio Gro tested the DualPakECO tray in Australian windrow composting conditions. In June 2023 approx. 9kgs of used DualPakECO trays (collected from the AORA conference) were taken by Bio Gro and mixed with approx. 16tonnes of council FOGO collections. The trial batch was checked and samples monitored across a total of 63 days. The final result, all test materials met the decay rate requirements of the commercial compostability standards and high-quality compost was produced. A full case study has been produced in partnership with Bio Gro and is available for anyone interested.

**Full Open Responses**

## Criteria 1 - Supporting Evidence

Confoil Environmental Statement  
Confoil Product Sustainability Overview document  
Recyclability of DualPak & DualPakECO document  
Confoil Sustainable Packaging - customer document  
AORA Conference Sponsor  
Compostability Case Study with Bio Gro (testing DualPakECO)

Additional Information - Describe initiatives, processes or practices that you have implemented during your chosen reporting period that have improved packaging sustainability

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- Analysis and modification of the B2B cardboard cartons to down gauge and reduce the amount of packaging used (this process is on-going and will be completed in 2024)
- Began working with aluminium suppliers to move from plywood crates to recyclable heavy duty cardboard crates for the hundreds of rolls provided each year
- Investigated and established a strong understanding of the recycled content in the aluminium supplied to Confoil and where that recycled content is coming from - primarily post-consumer recycled cables.
- Invested in new equipment and processes to increase the efficiency of Confoil's aluminium and foil production. The new process also reduces the amount of waste produced per product.
- Successfully trialled the DualPakECO - industrial compostable certified tray - in Australian windrow conditions to ensure it meet local composters requirements.