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## TIC Mattress Recycling announced as finalist in 2017 Victorian Premier's Sustainability Awards

TIC Mattress Recycling has been announced as a finalist in the Innovative Products or Services category in this year's Premier's Sustainability Awards for their program Putting Mattress Recycling to Bed.

The interim Chief Executive of Sustainability Victoria, Stephanie Ziersch, praised the team for their creative and insightful work towards building a more sustainable environment.

"Delivering these Awards each year means we continue to discover the talent and enthusiasm Victorians have for protecting their environment and thinking creatively about new models of sustainability.

"These Awards represent Victoria's highest recognition for sustainability and acknowledge leadership, innovation and achievement. Each finalist should be congratulated for improving sustainable outcomes across business, government and within the community."

Every year, over one million mattresses go to landfill in Australia. Less than 35 percent of them are recycled, so around 800,000 end up in landfill or are illegally dumped.

TIC Mattress Recycling has invested in leading-edge technology to deconstruct mattresses for recycling. Their facility aims to recover more than 85 percent of mattresses processed and, with the capacity to recycle up to 450,000 mattresses a year, it's making a major dent in the mattress mountain.

TIC Mattress Recycling's new automated facility eliminates intense manual handling, manages dust and other waste extractions whilst ensuring the recycling of mattresses is done safely and effectively.

Now in its 15<sup>th</sup> year, the Premier's Sustainability Awards continue to promote leadership and innovation in sustainability, and encourage all Victorians to step up.

The winners will be announced at the Awards ceremony, hosted by media personality Charlie Pickering on **Thursday 26 October** at the Plaza Ballroom, in Melbourne.

The Premier of Victoria, Daniel Andrews, will personally select the winners of the Premier's Regional Recognition Award and the Premier's Recognition Award, which will be presented at the Awards ceremony.

For more information on the Awards, finalists and to purchase tickets for the award ceremony, visit [www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au](http://www.sustainabilityawards.vic.gov.au)

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