



What's Happening to Our Glass?

- Currently, glass collection in the Macedon Ranges is being stockpiled pending a feasibility study.
- The study will investigate “pros and cons” for reusing glass bottles and jars, or crushing into sand for road base and construction use.
- Recycled glass is categorised into:
 - Glass cullet = larger shards which can be recycled into glass products
 - Glass fines = tiny fragments which are crushed into sand
- Key issues with glass recycling are:
 - Breakage during collection
 - Contamination of different types of glass
 - Contamination of non-glass items i.e. lids, ceramics, composite materials
- Victorian Government has announced \$100 million funding towards business and industry development, which will hopefully bring improvements to the domestic glass recycling industry.