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## Replas welcomes recycling initiatives in 2020 Federal Budget

Innovative plastic recycling company, Replas, commends the Government's Federal budget announcement to ban the export of plastic waste and the investment of \$250 million on recycling infrastructure.

Replas is conducting game changing research with RMIT University to develop wide-ranging recyclable products from post-consumer soft plastics.

[Polyrok](#) testing is currently underway, and this diverse and RP-GC (Recycled Plastic – Geopolymer Concrete) has multiple applications to suit State infrastructure projects, and Shire Council works.

Mark Jacobsen, Replas Managing Director said: 'our continued collaboration with RMIT brings together the brightest minds for the research and development of sustainable products. Together we are developing ground-breaking technology to ensure sustainable products are at the forefront of major Government and Corporate development projects across the country.'

As recent recipients of the Connections Innovations Grant, Replas is focused on exploring and developing innovation in infrastructure products, which will be fast-tracked under the 2020 budget.

'These projects have the capacity to divert thousands of tonnes of soft-plastic waste from landfill toward meaningful, fit for purpose products,' said Steve Rawson, design engineer for Replas.

With opportunities for job growth in regional areas across the country, and for investment in Australian made products, Replas and RMIT are working together toward solutions on a broad scale.

'As part of the Government's economic recovery strategy, boosting large scale production through collaboration is a vital component, and products containing Polyrok have the potential to provide jobs, investment, and regional expansion at this critical time to rebuild the economy.' said Mark Jacobsen.

'Thinking big and 'having a go' is the Australian way, and our alliance with leaders in scientific research makes Polyrok concrete of the future very exciting indeed.'

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### **About Replas**

Replas is Australia's leading mixed recycled plastic manufacturer who aims to provide a solution for plastic waste by delivering quality cost effective sustainable products. The company produces a range of over 200 recycled plastic products in Australia using state-of-the-art machinery and robotics together with a focus on energy and efficiency. The product range includes bollards, decking, fencing, fitness trails and furniture as well as products suitable for traffic control, parks, gardens and the utilities industry.

For more than 28 years Replas has produced a range of over 200 products and has grown to become Australia's leading plastic product manufacturers. Replas has since developed world leading technologies to reprocess Australia's waste into robust recycled plastic products for outdoor use. These products offer a sustainable alternative to the unnecessary use of virgin materials and provide long-lasting solutions to customers.