

WRITTEN SUBMISSION FROM TAYSIDE FOUNDATION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF
RESOURCES LTD

We support the general thrust of the CRNS ([Community Recycling Network Scotland – click link](#)) response, but would want to emphasise the potential for re-use to markedly improve the commercial viability of the "used resources " industry. We have recently completed an analysis of the economic benefits of repairing/re-using/dismantling parts and selling white goods such as washing machines which arrive at Dundee City Council's' three bring sites. Our conclusion was that reclaimed goods to the sum of at least one third to half a million pounds sterling per annum are being lost through the standard WEEE compliance schemes. We can send figures if you wish. Extrapolate this across Scotland.....We hope you are fully reflecting on the impact of the forthcoming "Re-use Directive" from Europe.

We have operated in the same territory as our local councils in Tayside for almost twenty years and generally have witnessed a dearth of enterprise in their approach to waste. We advocate the non-profit-distributing community enterprise model for maximising the value in "waste". We advocate releasing this potential through requiring councils to put the management of civic amenity/recycling sites out to tender with a community benefit clause where the bottom line is real, unsubsidised local job creation.

Energy in Buildings new and existing

We deplore the failure to implement the likes of SPP6 and would raise the bar for minimum building standards to Scandinavian levels. We have no chance at present of achieving zero carbon buildings by 2016, unless we start now. A higher investment in buildings energy performance will easily be recouped by long term revenue savings and if we don't do that now, we will have the awesome task of upgrading (retrofitting) poorly performing buildings in the future.