

EPD Australasia – progress report

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LCANZ appointed Director

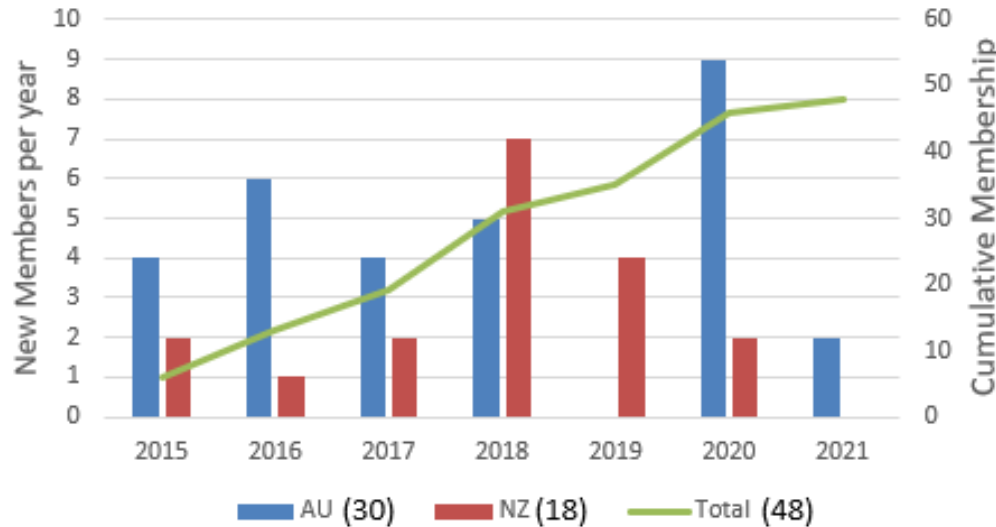
LCANZ Life Cycle Association New Zealand



General comments:

- The Board is back to strength with the appointment of Cyril Geraud of Holcim Australia – an ALCAS appointee.
- Financially sound with an increase in revenue outpacing a small increase in costs. There's a small movement in costs from meetings and advocacy towards digital activities such as website, webinars and newsletters.
- The International EPD System (our parent) issued the 4th version of the governing General Programme Instructions (GPI) requiring review by our Technical Advisory Group.
- There is continued growth in both membership and published EPDs, including the first Process Certified EPDs by Holcim AU. The forward pipeline looks healthy.

EPD Australasia Members



Membership:

- NZ businesses lagging
- AU businesses still growing

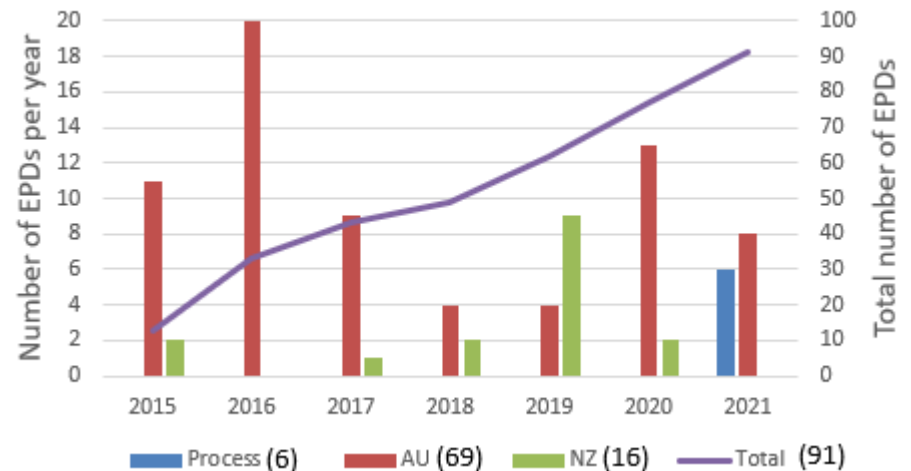
Businesses in;

- 1x food,
- 1x tissue products,
- 1x fabric,
- 2x rail rolling stock,
- A hotel,

EPD Publications:

- Construction Products are 92% of published EPDs
- Rolling stock, Wood / Paper products, Woven fabric, are only 1 to 2% each category.

Published EPDs



TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION:

- Broadening the client base; where are the food / agriculture businesses, consumer products?
- EPDs going digital. GPIv4 requires a transition to one product per EPD (currently a group or family of products can be described in the one EPD).
 - The reasoning behind this is the major move internationally for EPDs to be primarily datasets that can be plugged into software (e.g. rating tools, BIM, Building LCA tools). PDF documents are past their use-by, with errors possible when transcribing data etc.
 - This has implications for the pricing structure for EPD Australasia's clients.
- Data age and validity. EPDs have a five year life, but there are times when the LCA data is older. This stretches the credibility of the individual EPD and the integrity of the EPD Programme.