Client Brief

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Packaging Stew	vardship & Design
for end of life.	

Does the packaging deliver the required shelf life and protection for distribution and nothing more? (i.e. is it over-engineered?)

Is the packaging designed for minimal use of material, energy and space?

Could the packaging be simplified to a single material?

Does the packaging aim to comply with the NZ Plastic Packaging Declaration by 2025 or earlier? Reusable, Recyclable or Compostable.

Is the packaging reusable?
What features make it reusable?

If so, where does it fit within the 4 reuse models?

1. Refill at Home

Users refill at home with refills purchased from retail or sent via subscription service.

2. Refill On The Go

Bulk refill stations at retail.

3. Return On The Go

Users return packaging at a store or at drop off collection points.

4. Return from Home:

Users collect packaging, then free-post to a recycler such as Terracycle. Or packaging is picked up from home by a pick-up service (e.g. a logistics company).

Is the packaging recyclable within the current NZ waste management system?

i.e. Glass, Unlaminated Card & Paper*, Steel & Tin Cans, Rigid Plastic Polymer 1 (Clear & Coloured** PET) and Rigid Plastic Polymer 2 (Clear and Coloured HDPE**).

*Card or Paper with a Wax or a petroleum based polyethylene (PE) coating cannot be recycled in New Zealand.

Plastic Polymer 5 (PP polypropylene) can be used for hot fill. Avoid plastic polymers 3 (PVC Polyvinyl Chloride) & 6 (PS Polystyrene) altogether. Be aware that many councils across NZ are only accepting rigid polymers 1 & 2 for recycling.

**When Coloured PET and HDPE go through the MRF they are not separated out for recovery. They bundled into mixed plastics (that cost Visy \$100 NZ a tonne to ship overseas). If coloured HDPE is recovered through non-mechanical recovery systems (as operate in smaller centres) then it has a limited market for recycling in NZ.

Will the residue of the contents of the packaging impact on its reuse or recyclability? E.g. paint, engine oil, chemicals etc.

Does the packaging contain recycled materials such as rPET, rHDPE, recycled fibre?

Please declare % of renewable content or recycled materials.

Is the packaging home or commercially compostable, produced with bio-based inks and adhesives?

Does it comply with a verification programme and have you provided the appropriate logo?

Have you included in your brief, clear on-pack communication on reusing, disassembling, recycling, composting or disposal?

Have you looked into the Australasian Recycling Label? https://recyclingnearyou.com.au/arl/

APCO have a PREP tool for assessing recyclability and will advise final labelling suitable for Australasia. NZ companies can become affiliate member of APCO to use the PREP tool and the labelling masters. https://apco.prep.