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1 **Changes of waste generation in Australia: insights from structural decomposition analysis**

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21 **Abstract**

22 Waste generation is linked to consumption both in households (Final demand) and in the supply
23 chain. Gaining understanding into the driving forces that change of waste generation in the
24 supply chain can contribute to solving issues of waste management. The environmentally-
25 extend input-output model is an effective tool with which to investigate the relationship
26 between economic activities and waste generation. In this paper structural decomposition
27 analysis (SDA) is employed to analyse the determinants of changes of waste generation in
28 Australian economy from 2007–2008 to 2013–2014. Empirical results indicate that the major
29 determinant for the increase of waste generation was change in Final demand’s overall level of
30 economic activity. Changes in the production mix of Final demand (mix effect) was responsible
31 for a decrease of waste generation in Australian economy during the period. The Manufacturing
32 sector was found to have the highest waste generation intensity. Meaning that each million
33 \$AUD output of the Manufacturing sector resulted in the most amount of waste generation. In
34 addition, technological change has contributed the largest waste generation effect for the
35 Construction sector in 2011–2012. These findings suggest that Final demand, technological
36 changes and sectoral changes are identified as the drivers of Australian waste generation
37 historically. To reduce waste generation, policy must be targeted at altering behaviour of
38 consumption and waste generation, and increasing innovation of new ecological technologies
39 for Australian industry.

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40 **Keywords:** Input-output analysis, Structural decomposition analysis, waste generation

41 **Highlights:**

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- 43 • Structural decomposition analysis is employed in the Australian waste input-
44 output model.
- 45 • Determinants of changes of waste generation have been identified.
- 46 • Effect of Final demand plays an important role on Australian waste generation.
- 47 • Advice about how to lower Australian waste generation has been suggested to
48 policy-makers.

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50 Introduction

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52 Waste generation occurs throughout the supply chain. Supply chains consist of different stages
53 including the extraction of raw material, production of goods, distribution of goods, and
54 consumption of goods. In an efficient supply chain the amount of waste generated at each
55 stage is linked to the wider economic system and the demands of the society that the supply
56 chain is within. Currently, sustainable production initiatives embedded throughout supply
57 chains aim to lower waste generation, enhance the efficiency of production, and otherwise
58 improve economic activities. In addition governmental environmental policies are aimed at
59 reducing or eliminating future waste generation. The development of sustainable production
60 initiatives and the design of environmental policies need measurement and analysis of the
61 driving forces of waste generation so that they can be correctly addressed, and economic

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62 growth can be decoupled from environmental degradation (Bentley 2008, Cellura, Longo et al.
63 2012, Zhang and Lahr 2014).

64 However, the lack of information about the determinants of waste generation hinders the
65 effectiveness of waste management policies. Therefore, before starting the design of
66 environmental policies as well as assessing the effectiveness of the published environmental
67 strategies and implemented measures, policy makers should identify the drivers of the
68 development of environmental issues (energy consumption, carbon dioxide emission, water
69 consumption, and waste generation).

70 The development of the economy has led to an alteration of production and consumption of
71 patterns, and, as a consequence, to a plain change of waste generation through the supply
72 chain. Because the amount of waste generation depend largely on production and consumption
73 patterns (Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development 2015).

74 From 1999–2000 to 2007–08, Australia’s gross domestic product (GDP) grew 3.4% on average per year
75 (ABS 2012a). The Australian economic performance drop to 1.6% in 2009–10 due to the global financial
76 turmoil and improved in the following years, with GDP growth averaging 2.7% from 2010–11 to 2013–14
77 (FOCUSECONOMICS 2018).

78 During the period 2006–07 to 2014–15, waste generation (including fly ash) increased from 57
79 megatonnes to 64 megatonnes (Department of the Environment and Energy 2017). It means that an
80 average increase of 1.2 per cent occurs every year. Therefore, there is a need to analyse how the
81 fluctuation of the Australian economy after the global financial turmoil drives the change of waste
82 generation.

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83 The identification of the driving forces (such as pollution intensity, the technology effect, and
84 Final demand) of waste generation and pollution assists policy-makers to design environmental
85 strategies. In this paper we use the structural decomposition analysis (SDA) methodology with
86 an environmentally-extend input-output (EEIO) model to analyse drivers of Australian waste
87 generation from the perspectives of economic structural change and Final demand
88 (consumption).

89 The SDA method has been previously used to conduct effective analysis regarding how the
90 economy affects the environmental issues in terms of structural decomposition components,
91 including the changes in pollution generation per unit of output (pollution intensity); the
92 changes between and within sectors (technology effect), the effect of changes in product mix of
93 Final demand (mix effect); and the effect of changes in the overall level of Final demand (level
94 effect) over long periods (Hoekstra and Van Den Bergh 2002, Muñoz and Hubacek 2008).

95 The SDA method mainly aims at analyzing the change of the total gross outputs between two
96 periods by the drivers of changes in technology and changes in Final demand. This research
97 analyses the drivers of waste generation by considering the variable of waste generation, which
98 depends on the total gross outputs (Miller and Blair 2009, p. 606) .

99 It has widely been applied on environmental issues, such as energy use (Chen and Rose 1990,
100 Alcantara and Duarte 2004, Weber 2009, Su and Ang 2017), greenhouse gas emissions (Casler
101 and Rose 1998, Guan, Hubacek et al. 2008, Brizga, Feng et al. 2014, Wei, Huang et al. 2017), air
102 pollutants (De Haan 2001, Liu and Liang 2017), and waste (De Haan 2001). Liao, Chen et al.

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103 (2015) have analysed the driving forces of waste generation with 353 types of industrial waste
104 and 26 treatment methods through a high-resolution waste input-output model.

105 However, the method has never been applied in economic system of Australia to analyse the
106 drivers of waste generation due to the lack of time-series Australian input-output tables (IOTs)
107 and corresponding waste accounts.

108 Environmentally-extended input-output (EEIO) is a method– a mathematically defined
109 procedure – that is applied to economic and environmental accounts to determine the direct
110 and indirect effects of industrial sectors on environmental issues, such as greenhouse gas
111 (Lenzen 1998, Chen and Zhang 2010, Meng and Sager 2017), water (Lenzen and Foran 2001,
112 Velazquez 2006, Deng, Zhang et al. 2014), energy (Liang, Fan et al. 2007, Nässén, Holmberg et al.
113 2007, Liu, Xi et al. 2010), and waste (Huang, Anderson et al. 1994, Nakamura and Kondo 2002,
114 Wang, Huisman et al. 2013).

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116 As a branch of EEIO analysis, waste input-output (WIO) connects monetary flow between
117 industrial sectors and the Final demand with physical waste flows. It is constructed by
118 (Nakamura and Kondo 2002) and has been applied to tackle with a series of problems in the
119 domain of waste management including the emission of waste (Nakamura and Kondo 2002),
120 material flow analysis (Nakamura and Nakajima 2005, Nakamura, Nakajima et al. 2007),
121 recycling of electrical home appliances (Nakamura and Kondo 2006), direct and indirect
122 emission induced by households' consumption patterns (Takase, Kondo et al. 2005), formation
123 of a waste supply-use (WSU) format and its application in Australia (Lenzen and Reynolds 2014,
124 Reynolds, Piantadosi et al. 2014), publication of an Australian Multi-Regional Waste Supply-Use

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125 framework (Fry, Lenzen et al. 2015), and direct and indirect waste arising in the UK economy
126 (Salemdeeb, Al-Tabbaa et al. 2016). These models comprehensively capture the relationships
127 between industrial sectors and waste treatment sectors. For this paper SDA is used with the
128 most basic form of WIO (which considers waste only as a pollutant) to determine how the
129 economic activity affects waste generation.

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131 The purpose of this paper is to understand the changes of the drivers that affect changes of
132 waste generation in Australian economy. Section 2 describes the SDA methodology that is used
133 to quantify the effects of drivers of waste generation and sources of data. Results of the
134 decomposition for Australia's waste generation from 2007-2008 to 2013-2014 are presented in
135 Section 3. Sections 4 and 5 provide discussions and conclusions with policy implications.

136 2 Methodology

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138 2.1 SDA methodology

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140 The SDA method based on the time-series IOTs is a robust toolkit to illustrate how the
141 determinants affect the change of environmental issues (Hoekstra 2005). We use the notation
142 described in Hoekstra and Van Den Bergh (2002) and Chapter 13 from Miller and Blair (2009) to
143 introduce the additive structural decomposition of the SDA methodology. We use superscripts 0
144 and 1 to represent IO tables for two year periods. Assuming that the matrix of IO coefficients, A ,
145 defines the basic form of IO model as

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146 $x^0 = A^0x^0 + f^0$ and $x^1 = A^1x^1 + f^1$

147 (1)

148 where x = gross output, f = the vector of Final demand.

149 The solution of Equation (1) is given by the matrix expression for the IO table with Leontief

150 inverse:

151 $x^0 = L^0f^0$ and $x^1 = L^1f^1$

152 (2)

153 where L = Leontief matrix.

154 Then the change in total outputs over the period is

155 $\Delta x = x^1 - x^0 = L^1f^1 - L^0f^0$

156 (3)

157 If we use year-0 weights exclusively, L^1 and f^1 are replaced by $(L^0 + \Delta L)$ and $(f^0 + \Delta f)$, then

158 Equation 3 can becomes

159 $\Delta x = (L^0 + \Delta L)(f^0 + \Delta f) - L^0f^0 = (\Delta L)f^0 + L^0(\Delta f) + (\Delta L)(\Delta f)$.

160 (4)

161 We use year-1 weights exclusively, and Equation 3 then becomes

162 $\Delta x = L^1f^1 - (L^1 - \Delta L)(f^1 - \Delta f) = (\Delta L)f^1 + L^1(\Delta f) - (\Delta L)(\Delta f)$.

163 (5)

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164 We calculate the average of the Equations 4 and 5, which has been examined by Dietzenbacher
 165 and Los (1998). The average result is shown as follows.

$$166 \quad \Delta x = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (\Delta L)(f^0 + f^1) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (L^0 + L^1)(\Delta f)$$

167 (6)

168 The first term on the right-hand side indicates changes in the Leontief inverse matrix L when
 169 the Final demand does not change. The second term represents changes in the Final demand
 170 when the Leontief inverse matrix does not change.

171 The first term on the right-hand side in Equation 6 can be further decomposed because the
 172 changes in the Leontief inverse matrix L depend on the changes in the input coefficient matrix
 173 A (Hoekstra and Van Den Bergh 2002). Therefore, the changes in the Leontief inverse matrix L
 174 can be written as:

$$175 \quad \Delta L = L^1(\Delta A)L^0$$

176 (7)

177 Here, we disaggregate the ΔA into column specific changes. For an input coefficients matrix
 178 with n -sectors (Miller and Blair 2009),

$$179 \quad A^1 = A^0 + \Delta A = \begin{bmatrix} a_{11}^0 + \Delta a_{11} & \dots & a_{1n}^0 + \Delta a_{1n} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{n1}^0 + \Delta a_{n1} & \dots & a_{nn}^0 + \Delta a_{nn} \end{bmatrix}$$

180 (8)

181 Let $\Delta A^{(j)} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \dots \Delta a_{1j} \dots 0 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 \dots \Delta a_{nj} \dots 0 \end{bmatrix}$ represent changes in sector j 's technology. Then

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182 $\Delta A = \Delta A^{(1)} + \dots + \Delta A^j + \dots + \Delta A^n$

183 (9)

184 The ΔA^j in the Equation 9 represents the technology change (TC) in sector j . The
 185 decomposition of ΔA can be introduced into the first term on the right-hand side of the
 186 Equation 6, which is shown like this:

187 $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (\Delta L)(f^0 + f^1) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) [L^1(\Delta A^1)L^0](f^0 + f^1) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) [L^1(\Delta A^n)L^0](f^0 + f^1)$

188 (10)

189 As for the composition of changes in Final demand. If the Final demand matrix has dimension
 190 $n \times p$, where p is the number of Final demand categories. We decompose the Final demand
 191 into the following determinant effects by the method shown in Lin and Polenske (1995):

192 $\Delta f = (1/2)\Delta f(B^0d^0 + B^1d^1) + (1/2)(f^0d^1 + f^1d^0)(\Delta B) + (1/2)(f^0B^0 + f^1B^1)(\Delta d)$

193 (11)

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195 The matrix B is defined as the bridge coefficients matrix, which equals the Final demand matrix
 196 elements divided by their corresponding column sums. The vector d represents the distribution
 197 of each Final demand category in the total Final demand. The first term of the right-hand side in
 198 the Equation 11 means the Final-demand level effect. The second term of the right-hand
 199 represents the Final-demand mix effect. The third term of that means the Final-demand
 200 distribution effect.

201 The SDA approach can not only conduct decompositions of ΔL and Δf , but also analyse
 202 decompositions of changes in some economic and environmental variables, such as
 203 employment rate, energy consumption, and CO₂ emission. For instance, if we have a set of
 204 waste generation coefficient – the amount of waste generation per dollar of output in industrial
 205 sector j at time t (e_j^t), which represents $(e_j^t)' = [e_1^t, \dots, e_n^t]$, then the vector of waste
 206 generation, by industrial sectors, associated with the output at t will be $\varepsilon^t = \hat{e}^t x^t = \hat{e}^t L^1 f^1$,
 207 the changes of the vector of waste generation in two year periods is

$$208 \quad \Delta\varepsilon = \varepsilon^1 - \varepsilon^0 = \hat{e}^1 L^1 f^1 - \hat{e}^0 L^0 f^0$$

209 (12)

210 The driving forces of three elements of waste generation in Equation 12 are decomposed into
 211 waste generation coefficient changes, technology change, and Final demand change based on
 212 the method in Equation 6. Here this represents

$$213 \quad \Delta\varepsilon = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (\Delta\hat{e})(L^0 f^0 + L^1 f^1) + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) (\Delta L)[\hat{e}^0 f^1 + \hat{e}^1 f^0] + (1/2)(\hat{e}^0 L^0 + \hat{e}^1 L^1)(\Delta f)$$

214 (13)

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$$216 \quad \Delta L = L^1(\Delta A)L^0$$

217 (14)

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219 This model applies Equations 11, 13, and 14 to assess the effect of waste intensity, technology
 220 effects, and Final demand effects (level effect and mix effect). The process of decomposition by
 221 three types of effects can be written as:

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222 $\Delta\varepsilon =$

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$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \underline{(\Delta\hat{e})(L^0f^0 + L^1f^1)} + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \underline{(L^1(\Delta A)L^0)[\hat{e}^0f^1 + \hat{e}^1f^0]} +$$

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$$\underline{(1/2)(\hat{e}^0L^0 + \hat{e}^1L^1)((1/2)\Delta f(B^0d^0 + B^1d^1) + (1/2)(f^0d^1 + f^1d^0)(\Delta B))} \quad (15)$$

225 The first term of the right-hand side means waste intensity change. The second term of the

226 right-hand represents technology change. The third term of that means the Final-demand

227 change, in which the former represents the level effect of Final demand (changes in the overall

228 level of economic) and the latter means the mix effect (changes in the composition of Final

229 demand).

230 2.2 The process of aggregated Australian IO tables and waste accounts

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232 The Australian IOTs of 2007–2008, 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–2011, 2011–2012, 2012–2013,

233 and 2013–2014 were chosen for the structural decomposition analysis (SDA) of waste

234 generation in the Australian economic system. The Australian IOTs of 2007–2008, 2008–2009,

235 2009–2010, 2012–2013, and 2013–2014 (ABS 2011, ABS 2012b, ABS 2013a, ABS 2015, ABS

236 2016b) have been aggregated in Appendix A, corresponding to Table A.1, Table A.2, Table A.3,

237 Table A.6, and Table A.7. In these tables the

238 The Australian IOTs of 2010–2011 and 2011–2012 have been estimated based on the method

239 described by He, Reynolds et al. (2017) and shown in Appendix A, corresponding to Tables A.4

240 and A.5.

241 The Australian waste accounts have been published for only two years (2009–2010 and 2010–

242 2011) (ABS 2017a). Therefore, the lack of waste accounts hinders the application of SDA on

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243 waste generation in Australian economic system. The total waste accounts of 2007–2008,
244 2008–2009, 2011–2012, 2012–2013, and 2013–2014 were calculated from the index of waste
245 generation (ABS 2016a). The index considers the amount of waste in 1996–1997 as a base (100).
246 The amount of Australian waste generated in 2009–2010 with the index of 219.1 were
247 53753.21 (1000 tonnes). Therefore, the amount of Australian waste in other years can be
248 calculated. The total waste accounts in Australia are shown in Table 1.

249 **Table 1** The total amount of waste generation in Australia (1000 tonnes).

Year	The total amount of waste (1000 tonnes)
2007–2008	49533.42
2008–2009	51815.05
2009–2010	53753.21
2010–2011	57114.31
2011–2012	60671.69
2012–2013	62438.11
2013–2014	64621.61

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251 The proportions of waste generation in different industrial sectors before 2009–2010 are
252 estimated in terms of the proportions of waste generation in different industrial sectors in
253 2009–2010, while the proportions after 2010–2011 are estimated in terms of that in 2010–2011.
254 The proportions of waste generation in different Australian industrial sectors in 2009–2010 and
255 2010–2011 can be obtained from Australian Environmental-Economic Accounts, 2017 (ABS
256 2017a). Table 2 shows the amount of estimated waste generation in each sector for the period
257 of 2007–08, 2008–09, 2011–2012, 2012–2013, and 2013–2014.

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258 Although the ABS has published the environment-economic accounts corresponding to the
259 Australian IO tables, there are only two years' waste data (2009–2010 and 2010–2011) with
260 nine types of waste and two types of waste treatment methods. In order to enhance the
261 accuracy of the analysis, a high-resolution waste input-output model is not developed in this
262 research.

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264 2.3 The process of deflating IO tables

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266 The comparative analysis of IO tables requires economic data in constant price (Wood 2011,
267 Chang and Lahr 2016). Current prices of Australian IO tables in 2008–2009, 2009–2010, 2010–
268 2011, 2011–2012, 2012–2013, and 2013–2014 have been converted to corresponding tables
269 valued at constant prices for the base year of 2007–2008 by using the price index. Specifically,
270 the producer price indices of Australia (ABS 2017b) are applied to adjust the price of
271 intermediate sectors. The consumer price index of Australia (ABS 2017c) was used to adjust the
272 price of Final demand and the wage price index of Australia (ABS 2017d) is used to adjust the
273 value added. The coefficients for the deflation are shown in Table 3.

274 3 Results

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276 Changes of waste generation in the Australian economy from 2007–2008 to 2013–2014 is due
277 to a number of drivers. These include waste intensity, changes in technology effect, level effect
278 of Final demand, and mix effect of Final demand. A summary of the decomposition of the

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279 change in waste generation over the period according to Equation 15 is presented in Figure. 1.
280 The figure provides a cumulative representation of the total amount of waste generation in
281 Australia in comparison with the level in 2007–2008. Regarding the total structure, the level
282 effect of Final demand is the primary factor for the increase of waste generation during the
283 period except the year of 2011–2012 in which the growth of waste generation was largely
284 driven by the technology effect. The mix effect of Final demand was responsible for a large
285 decrease of waste generation in Australia, which partly offsets the increasing amount of waste
286 generation. From 2008–2009 to 2011–2012 the technology effect was the driver for the
287 increase of waste generation, while since 2012–2013 it was responsible for a decrease in waste.
288 The waste intensity effect for the largest positive contributing industrial sector has been found
289 to be the Manufacturing sector, which contributed to the change of waste generation from
290 770.6kt in 2009–10 to 3755.1kt in 2013–14 (Figure. 2). Although the amount of waste
291 generated in the Construction sector increased from 2007–2008 to 2013–2014 in Table 2, the
292 waste intensity effect of the Construction sector has decreased during the period. However, the
293 negative contribution of the Construction sector is unable to offset the positive contribution of
294 the Manufacturing sector on waste generation.
295 The changes of waste generation among different sectors due to the contribution of technology
296 effect are displayed in Figure. 3. The largest positive effect on waste generation caused by the
297 technology effect occurred in the Construction sector in 2011–2012. There had been a decrease
298 trend for waste generation in the Construction sector since 2011–2012. The technology effect
299 contributed to the largest negative effect on waste generation in the Manufacturing sector

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300 during the period. This result indicates that that new technologies have been applied to this
301 industrial sector to reduce waste generation.

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303 The level effect of Final demand (effect of changes in the overall level of Final demand) showed
304 an important force for the growth of waste generation from 2007–2008 to 2013–2014 (Figure.
305 4). The changes of Final demand in the Construction sector contributes the most waste
306 generation, followed by the AOI sector and the Manufacturing. This means that from 2007–
307 2008 to 2013–2014, waste generation in the Construction sector, the AOI sector, and the
308 Manufacturing sector (along with other sectors) grew due to the growth of Final demand. With
309 the rise in economy wide waste generation corresponding to the increase in the total of Final
310 demand.

311 Figure. 5 shows the mix effect of Final demand on waste generation. The mix effect of Final
312 demand (effect of changes in product mix of Final demand) for the Manufacturing sector mainly
313 contributed to decreased of waste generation during the period. This indicates that the change
314 of the proportion of the Manufacturing sector’s Final demand in the total of Final demand
315 results in the decrease of waste generation. The mix effects of Final demand for other industrial
316 sectors showed no significant contribution to the changes of waste generation.

317 4 Discussions

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319 The analysis contributes to the growing streams of literature on the analysis of environmental
320 issues embodied in the economy. Even though the SDA method has becoming the dominant

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321 method to analyse the drivers for carbon emission and energy consumption studies (De Haan
322 2001, Baiocchi and Minx 2010, Okushima and Tamura 2010), the method has not been applied
323 in Australian waste domain. This paper applies the SDA method to analyse the driving forces of
324 waste generation in Australian economy.

325 In the SDA model the main driving force for increasing waste generation in Australia is the level
326 effect of Final demand (effect of changes in the overall level of Final demand), meaning that the
327 growth of total consumption plays the most significant role on the increase of waste generation.
328 The decrease of waste generation caused by mix effect of Final demand (effect of changes in
329 product mix of Final demand) shows that the amount of waste generation decreases due to the
330 drop of the proportion of each variable of Final demand in their corresponding total output, the
331 Manufacturing sector in particular. Although the mix effect of Final demand offsets part of the
332 increasing waste generation, the continuing increase of waste generation from the level effect
333 of Final demand implies that the consumption of Final demand has always been the main driver
334 of waste generation from 2007–2008 and 2013–2014.

335 The contribution of effects of waste intensity on waste generation is mainly due to the sharp
336 increase of the effects of waste intensity in the Manufacturing sector, which diminished the
337 negative contribution of the Construction sector on waste generation.

338 The waste intensities in the All other industry sector, the Construction sector, the Electricity,
339 gas, and water sector, and the Public administration sector have a decreased trend since 2009–
340 10. It indicates the proportions of the increase of waste generation are lower than that of the
341 total outputs in these industrial sector. It is corresponding to the background of the Australian

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342 waste generation with average increase of 1.2 per cent and GDP growth averaging 2.7% from
343 2010–11 to 2013–14.

344 The change of technology effect from the positive contribution to the negative contribution
345 during the period for the waste generation manifests that the consumption of the Australian
346 material flow has been diminished via the improvement of technology. Our results confirms the
347 relationship between innovation, technology and waste reduction in Australia. This was
348 relationship was previously discussed via practical case studies in ‘Construction and demolition
349 waste guide – recycling and re-use across the supply chain’ (Australian Government
350 Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities 2011).
351 However, our results also provide economic evidence of the historic impact of innovation,
352 technology upon waste generation. This should enable further investment in waste reduction
353 via innovation and technology schemes.

354 5 Conclusions and policy implications

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356 The research presented here applies the additive decomposition of the SDA method on time-
357 series waste IO tables for Australian economy. It is the first application of the SDA method in
358 Australian waste management. It aims at assessing the trend of waste generation affected by
359 four types of drivers: waste intensity, technology effect, level effect and mix effect of Final
360 demand.

361 The results of the research identify that the level effect of Final demand always play an
362 important role on the growth of waste generation in the examined period, especially Final

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363 demand of the Construction sector, the AOI sector, and the Manufacturing sector. A sector
364 level analysis leads to allocating the impact of technology effect to different industrial sectors
365 and also to identify which sectors are the most important on waste generation and reduction.
366 The results of this chapter shows that a series of novel technologies in the Construction sector
367 for enhancing the efficiency of resource and reducing the waste generation from the origins to
368 a large extent can lessen the environmental pressure. For example, steel piling on construction
369 sites as a temporary structure to hold back soil or water can be reused 5–6 times per year in the
370 UK. The application of steel piling diminishes the waste generation in the Construction sector
371 (Allwood, Cullen et al. 2012). Zero Waste SA's Industry program supports a series of projects to
372 improve the productivity and competitiveness of companies to better use resource and reduce
373 waste generation (Zero Waste South Australia 2016). The shift of technology effect benefits the
374 development of the Australian economy towards a circular economy from the perspective of
375 waste management.

376 The results suggest to policy makers that the most important way to reduce indirect waste
377 generation is to ensure a reduction of Final demand because Final demand is the main driver of
378 the growth of waste generation. The reduction of Final demand mainly focuses on the
379 reduction of household consumption. The best way to reduce direct waste from the
380 consumption by households is to adjust the human behaviour of waste management. Therefore,
381 local, state and federal government bodies must invest in interventions that alter human
382 behaviour of consumption and waste generation as a priority. Dual consumption and waste
383 generation reduction focused initiatives — such as Container Deposit Schemes in Australia
384 (Recycling Near You 2017) and Compostable and Reusable Coffee Cup Pilot in the City of

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385 Adelaide (City of Adelaide 2017) — must be introduced to tackle both waste generation of
386 consumers and the supply chain effects of their purchases. To be effective these interventions
387 must be evidence based according to state of the art research.

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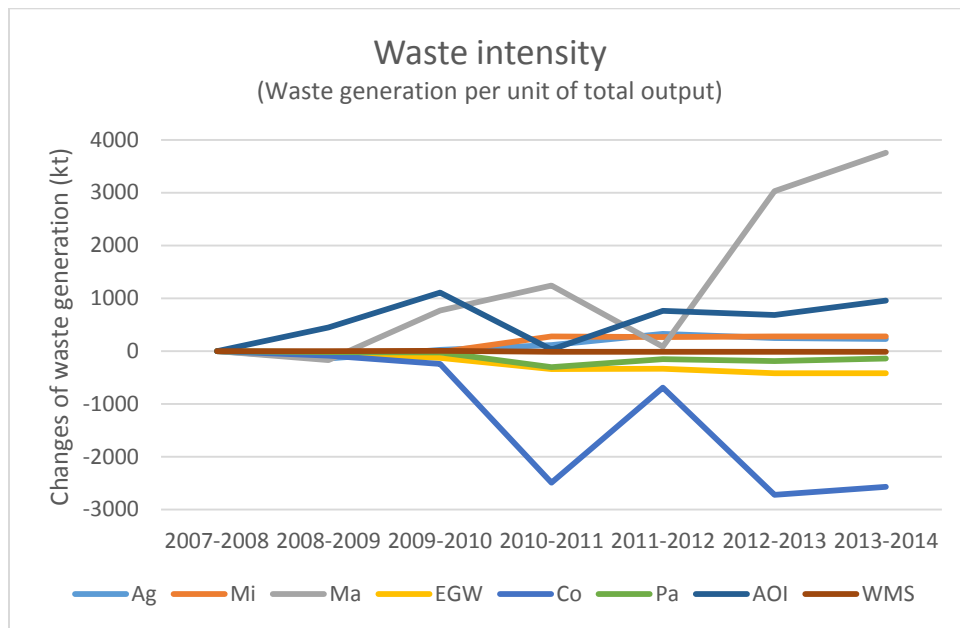
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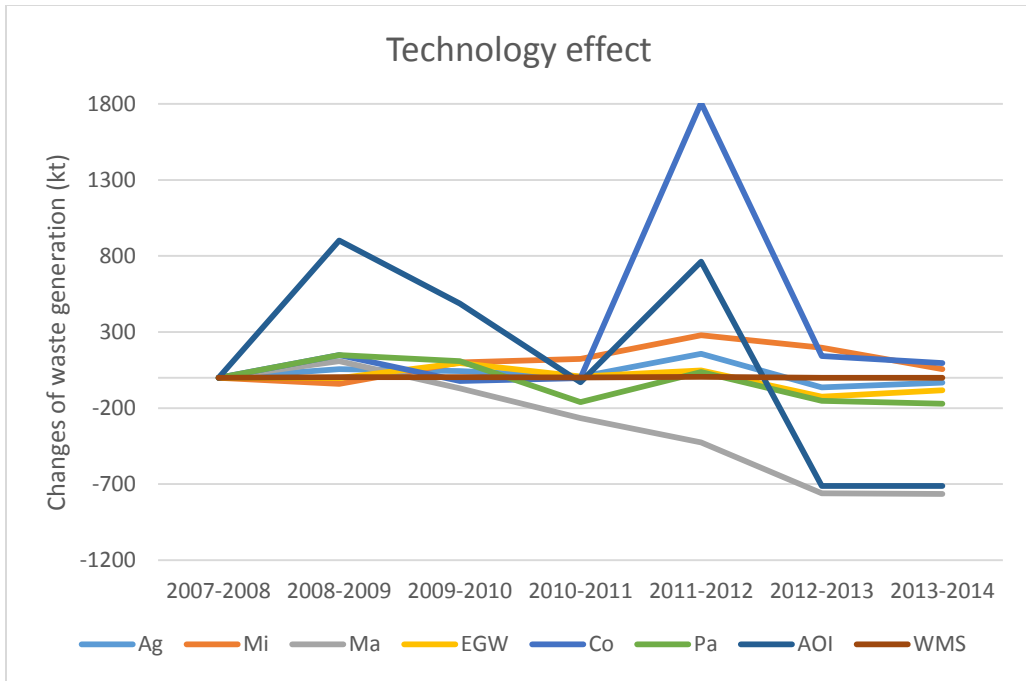
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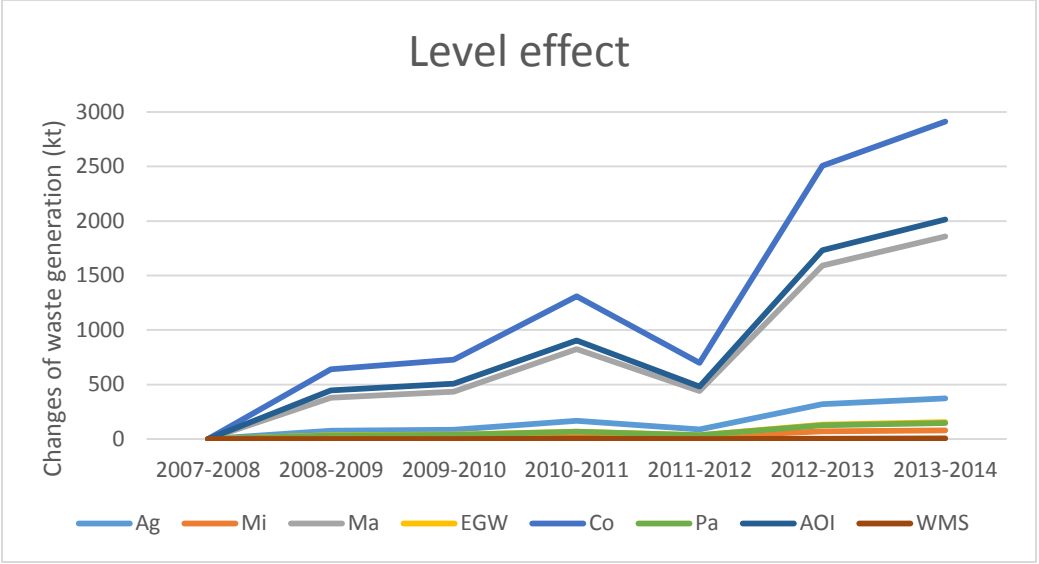
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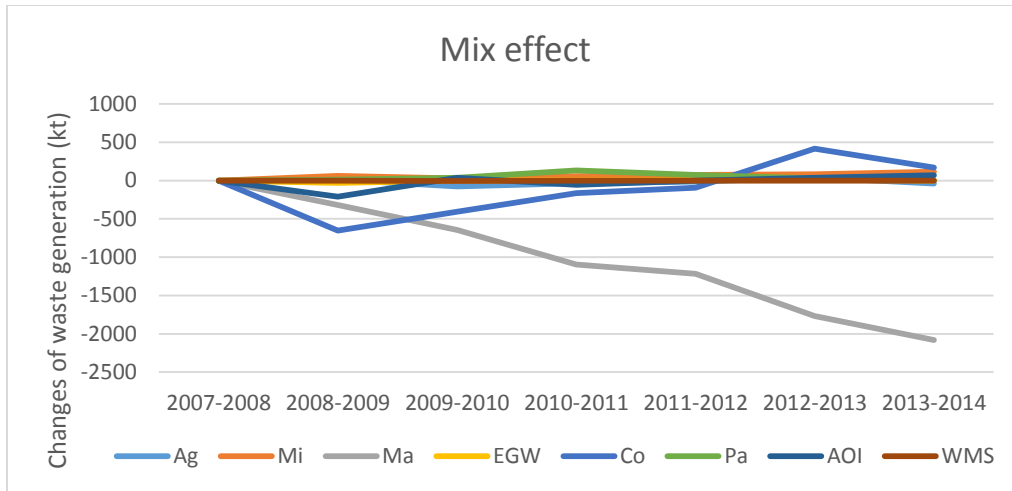
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623 **Figure. 5.** Changes of Australian waste generation due to changes of Final demand (Mix effect) from
 624 2007–2008 to 2013–2014.

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Appendix A Australian aggregated input-output tables

The Appendix shows the Australian aggregated input-output (IO) tables with value added from 2007–08 and 2013–14.

Table A.1 The Australian aggregated IO table, 2007–2008

	Ag	Mi	Ma	EGW	Co	Pa	AOI	WMS	Final demand	Total output
(Million \$AUD)										
Ag	10861.86	85.73	25693.53	17.10	396.61	151.53	4903.53	0.18	18762.91	60873.00
Mi	59.77	13012.57	34736.14	4181.95	909.27	216.33	3310.47	0.54	81231.96	137659.00
Ma	5329.43	8379.22	73522.17	2337.57	39721.47	4456.56	63981.86	138.05	181107.67	378974.00
EGW	892.34	1779.14	6296.29	6650.07	1232.88	867.60	10757.65	14.02	21815.01	50305.00
Co	889.95	4742.00	2411.60	3797.79	72756.96	3868.77	18038.42	4.26	173039.25	279549.00
Pa	52.71	441.61	1199.41	132.42	987.71	2539.11	7145.88	2.07	88544.07	101045.00
AOI	11868.35	18684.54	66168.64	8700.41	64178.34	27053.59	391799.24	231.84	686587.04	1275272.00
WMS	1.49	47.28	107.58	56.04	1736.72	22.75	314.19	0	970.95	3257.00
Primary input	30917.1	90486.91	168838.6	24431.64	97629.04	61868.76	775020.8	2866.04	191594.13	1443653.00
Total input	60873.00	137659.0 0	378974.00	50305.00	279549.00	101045.00	1275272. 00	3257.00	1443653.00	3730587.00

Table A.2 The Australian aggregated IO table, 2008–2009

	Ag	Mi	Ma	EGW	Co	Pa	AOI	WMS	Final demand	Total output
(Million \$AUD)										
Ag	12726.19	159.57	28384.09	20.93	375.32	166.10	6046.16	0.26	21392.36	69271.00
Mi	77.88	16732.28	32547.65	4047.23	856.05	115.40	2927.03	1.52	124860.96	182166.00
Ma	5731.21	9268.14	76710.72	1890.07	42653.67	5469.56	69195.52	115.75	182361.36	393396.00
EGW	955.64	2192.07	5626.39	13840.27	1286.48	590.19	10013.97	13.05	21668.94	56187.00
Co	1459.84	6410.60	3289.25	2644.74	77006.71	5595.63	26663.40	10.06	174031.77	297112.00
Pa	60.85	526.85	1108.12	121.17	1024.00	3211.59	8417.25	2.72	95828.44	110301.00
AOI	13917.13	25188.85	70445.94	6723.02	67057.29	29732.45	398989.62	427.55	712848.15	1325330.00
WMS	2.58	44.24	125.96	48.70	1771.88	26.42	314.92	0.00	1010.31	3345.00
Primary input	34339.68	121643.39	175157.87	26850.88	105080.59	65393.66	802762.13	2774.08	195433.72	1529436.00
Total input	69271.00	182166.00	393396.00	56187.00	297112.00	110301.00	1325330.00	3345.00	1529436.00	3966544.00

Table A.3 The Australian aggregated IO table, 2009–2010

	Ag	Mi	Ma	EGW	Co	Pa	AOI	WMS	Final demand	Total output
(Million \$AUD)										
Ag	13420.64	200.87	24772.39	34.25	571.12	175.60	6784.67	1.00	19917.47	65878.00
Mi	64.29	18979.43	29647.24	3426.72	1399.34	99.48	2826.65	1.42	106070.44	162515.01
Ma	5099.91	7253.39	72764.32	1899.70	44135.63	4383.00	64633.10	102.90	173394.06	373666.01
EGW	1057.32	2499.78	6213.25	17311.37	1304.40	633.32	11422.44	13.85	23770.28	64226.00
Co	1104.48	7569.35	3049.72	4266.23	81429.02	6760.20	29083.91	138.92	180232.18	313634.01
Pa	62.82	520.55	1275.65	150.54	1100.35	3184.70	8717.94	2.26	100736.19	115750.99
AOI	12648.48	23691.54	69747.18	7742.55	71020.60	31563.06	404647.88	389.92	748848.79	1370300.00
WMS	1.81	49.55	128.87	52.96	2039.10	30.50	319.70	0.01	1108.51	3731.00
Primary input	32418.24	101750.56	166067.39	29341.70	110634.43	68921.14	841863.71	3080.73	197135.10	1551213.00
Total input	65878.00	162515.00	373666.00	64226.00	313634.00	115751.00	1370300.00	3731.00	1551213.00	4020914.00

Table A.4 The Australian aggregated IO table, 2010–2011

	Ag	Mi	Ma	EGW	Co	Pa	AOI	WMS	Final demand	Total output
(Million \$AUD)										
Ag	13881.67	277.23	24956.53	28.22	543.46	174.54	6054.83	0.52	24024.81	69942.13
Mi	114.39	17264.46	33299.39	3115.48	2077.38	130.89	3459.11	7.87	119579.73	179044.12
Ma	5059.59	8497.98	69093.36	1714.33	48124.90	3993.37	61747.67	74.44	170778.89	369103.56
EGW	1074.62	2813.77	6904.18	19755.70	1413.32	1526.03	12204.49	27.53	25982.09	71691.63
Co	1348.29	8509.97	2799.20	3882.16	90890.39	6384.47	29401.81	17.52	197650.57	340965.34
Pa	63.04	820.31	1327.41	153.58	1366.49	3471.88	9116.67	1.99	125294.43	141615.99
AOI	12805.48	30393.45	68546.79	9371.92	72741.79	33503.98	434305.70	808.07	795521.30	1457730.70
WMS	93.68	44.21	282.00	104.02	604.79	108.02	2635.58	41.08	1167.61	5081.00
Primary input	39878.85	130671.73	158201.11	42168.56	147817.09	84701.42	998605.67	4101.97	235915.60	1842062.00
Total input	74455.00	214268.00	347884.00	86836.00	389164.00	137045.00	1605361.00	5081.00	1842062.00	4702155.99

Table A.5 The Australian aggregated IO table, 2011–2012

	Ag	Mi	Ma	EGW	Co	Pa	AOI	WMS	Final demand	Total output
(Million \$AUD)										
Ag	12894.99	285.06	25998.88	17.29	409.76	150.38	4915.96	0.00	24217.658	68889.9784
Mi	33.38	15703.03	56214.41	2963.22	1516.89	49.85	4974.00	3.90	126859.9	208318.578
Ma	9178.41	16751.96	95710.64	3343.76	68707.16	6012.65	93574.69	178.87	156454	449912.136
EGW	1129.67	3445.43	7312.70	22622.28	1564.74	2633.50	12696.43	21.86	25222.164	76648.7741
Co	1151.65	7646.73	1201.86	3250.73	97351.21	5550.60	19361.35	44.70	192538.88	328097.706
Pa	62.03	1130.70	1327.97	161.11	1689.38	1960.09	9035.71	2.10	111125.97	126495.057
AOI	15209.55	41161.58	68397.33	11212.07	78560.28	37824.65	490171.80	692.31	776187.22	1519416.79
WMS	74.10	47.11	241.07	92.88	1243.73	72.85	1803.75	36.34	1094.0586	4705.88865
Primary input	33079.07	111980.45	105953.34	35015.01	110612.95	82732.73	884066.31	3464.11	376858.05	1743762.02
Total input	72812.85	198152.05	362358.20	78678.35	361656.10	136987.30	1520600.00	4444.19	1790557.9	4526246.93

Table A.6 The Australian aggregated IO table, 2012–2013

	Ag	Mi	Ma	EGW	Co	Pa	AOI	WMS	Final demand	Total output
(Million \$AUD)										
Ag	13053.21	453.97	25324.81	16.17	488.13	130.00	4595.14	0.52	30393.05	74455.00
Mi	264.06	13834.54	40603.70	2493.00	4144.78	384.93	5936.66	7.87	146598.46	214268.00
Ma	4978.94	10987.15	52571.40	1412.30	53120.13	3214.13	55976.82	74.44	165548.70	347884.02
EGW	1167.35	4016.16	7898.00	24725.01	1707.48	4004.35	13768.60	27.53	29521.51	86836.00
Co	1835.92	10341.71	2298.16	3114.02	108036.80	5633.00	30037.63	17.52	227849.24	389164.00
Pa	63.49	1546.29	1430.91	172.25	2105.45	3585.54	10044.54	1.99	118094.54	137045.00
AOI	13119.49	42372.23	59273.91	12630.67	71139.34	35283.62	483760.36	808.07	886973.31	1605360.99
WMS	93.68	44.21	282.00	104.02	604.79	108.02	2635.58	41.08	1167.61	5081.00
Primary input	39878.85	130671.73	158201.11	42168.56	147817.09	84701.42	998605.67	4101.97	235915.60	1842062.00
Total input	74455.00	214268.00	347884.00	86836.00	389164.00	137045.00	1605361.00	5081.00	1842062.00	4702155.99

Table A.7 The Australian aggregated IO table, 2013–2014

	Ag	Mi	Ma	EGW	Co	Pa	AOI	WMS	Final demand	Total output
(Million \$AUD)										
Ag	14187.29	633.39	29123.65	24.63	522.09	138.18	4871.85	0.31	30334.62	79836.00
Mi	274.66	15667.00	32944.21	2388.86	4242.29	431.03	6054.95	5.16	166138.84	228147.00
Ma	5645.67	10923.42	50112.03	1851.35	52611.01	2784.09	57530.06	84.55	165527.84	347070.02
EGW	1725.01	4480.51	9344.93	24637.17	2043.18	3388.38	15590.42	16.21	30028.19	91254.00
Co	2040.18	9996.01	2139.42	4034.81	114766.74	6449.99	33292.21	12.72	233559.95	406292.01
Pa	56.87	1269.56	1402.35	224.61	1948.13	2834.40	9648.14	2.00	119423.94	136810.00
AOI	14596.52	39823.03	59880.43	15076.13	72498.15	33203.17	502933.75	756.22	934540.59	1673307.97
WMS	96.03	37.76	314.12	131.98	571.48	97.86	2659.19	28.67	1205.93	5143.00
Primary input	41213.77	145316.32	161808.86	42884.46	157088.95	87482.91	1040727.44	4115.18	242880.13	1923518.02
Total input	79836.00	228147.00	347070.00	91254.00	406292.00	136810.00	1673308.00	5021.02	1923640.00	4891378.02