## **AUSTRALIAN AEROSOL FACTS**

- No aerosol on Australian Supermarket shelves contains CFCs or any other substance known to harm the ozone layer.
- The aerosol industry voluntarily eliminated CFCs by September 1989, then moved to phase out the other minor ozone-depleters.
- In 1990 the Australian aerosol industry become the world leader in its field when it scheduled the elimination of the remaining ozone depleting substances, having phased out the CFCs.
- The hydrocarbon propellants used in the great majority of aerosols make a negligible contribution to the greenhouse effect. A small percentage use compressed gases such as carbon dioxide or nitrogen.
- Used steel aerosols are recyclable and over 14.5 million Australians have access to recycling programmes which include aerosols.
- More than 70% of all aerosols are made with Australian steel containing up to 25% recycled material. (The rest are made of aluminium.)
- More than 80% of Australians have bought and used an aerosol within the past year.
- Australians use about 10 aerosols per capita annually. Americans use more than 10 and the Japanese about 5.
- The aerosol is a robust package-plus-dispensing-system which protects its contents against spills, spoilage and tampering.

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