

“FREE” PCB DISPOSAL!

A FREE service to collect and safely dispose of Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) by Transpacific Technical Services (NZ) Ltd (TTS) has been extended. The nationwide promotion will now run until 31 December 2012*

Call 0800 PCB WASTE to register PCBs for collection (see detail below).

The promotion is focused particularly on the disposal of small PCB containing capacitors, typically found in older style fluorescent lighting ballasts. These ballasts may still be operating in some older buildings.

Transformers and other items of electrical equipment containing PCBs are also eligible.

Where there is a requirement to replace light fittings that contain PCBs, the replacement cost can be offset against the savings from modern energy efficient lighting. In addition, by registering for this promotion with TTS, PCB disposal costs are **FREE**, therefore removing a cost barrier when dealing with PCBs. This is an attractive offer that can encourage building owners to get their fluorescent fittings checked and upgraded.



There are significant quantities of PCBs still remaining in New Zealand, despite legislation in place since 2004 prohibiting their use or storage. Increased awareness of this legislation and the mandatory elimination of PCBs is one goal of the promotion.

This promotion is made possible by a grant from the Waste Minimisation Fund, managed by the Ministry for the Environment.

TTS also acknowledges Tredi NZ Ltd as its PCB offshore disposal agent and promotion partner.

*Conditions of this promotion are:

- This PCB elimination and disposal promotion **expires 31 December 2012**.
- This promotion is limited to the collection and disposal of **8 tonnes** (maximum packaged weight) of PCB waste.
- All applicants under this promotion must register with TTS by phoning Carolyn Armstrong on **0800 PCB WASTE**. Acceptance approvals will be issued by TTS prior to pick-up.
- Any applicant currently on ERMA's PCB register must disclose this status.
- Free collection and disposal will be applied on a first come first served basis.
- TTS will assist applicants with information on identifying PCBs and on any requirements concerning PCB storage, handling, registration, transport and disposal.
- TTS retains sole discretion as to whether or not to accept PCB waste and is not obligated to accept waste it considers outside the promotion's objectives.
- PCBs must be removed from lighting systems or fittings and rendered safe, prior to TTS accepting possession.

TTS is able to provide more information about the project to building owners and other organisations who think they may still have PCB components. This includes information to help identify whether or not suspect capacitors and ballasts contain PCBs. Further information on PCBs is available on the websites below.

1. Safe Management of PCBs Code of Practice publication is on the MOH website: <http://www.moh.govt.nz>
2. Phasing out Small PCB Holdings is on ERMA website: <http://www.ermanz.govt.nz>