

# Breakout Session 3

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- What are the next steps for PCR / EPD and how should it be used? What are next steps for EcoLabel type labeling and how should it be used?

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# Q12: PCR / EPD

- Issues:
  - Use biotic and abiotic resource use descriptions (not non-renewable)
  - Transparency needs to be within competition requirements
  - Need to move from LEED point-chasing
  - Needs to be ‘politically’ acceptable
- PCRs
  - Will require averages – we are using natural (variable) materials
  - Review against progress with building sector PCR
- EPDs
  - Generic EPDs OK for benchmarking and design studies
  - Companies may publish specific product EPDs if there is perceived advantage

# Q12: EcoLabels

- Follow Federal advice on what makes a good EcoLabel
- Big potential for unintended consequences
- Not much use for materials that are not consumer products but could have a role for pavements
- Could be good for promoting benefits to public/legislators but be careful not to sacrifice science
  
- EPDs and EcoLabels – don't relax when we have them – need continuous improvement – labels are not final goal