



## Oral submission

<b>Matter name:</b>	Tyre Stewardship Australia		
<b>ACCC parties</b>	Jaime Martin, Kaitlin Hanrahan, Thomas Lyle		
<b>TRACKIT No</b>	AA1000409		
<b>Other parties</b>	Western Australia Local Government Association - Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste & Recycling - Heather Squire, Waste Management Specialist		
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The Western Australia Local Government Association (WALGA) provided an oral submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination of 27 April 2018 proposing to grant authorisation to certain provisions of the revised Tyre Stewardship Scheme (the Scheme) for six years.

WALGA noted its detailed written submission provided to the ACCC prior to the draft determination, and re-emphasized the points raised in that submission.

WALGA made the following submission:

- It is concerned that the Scheme may mislead tyre consumers with its use of 'environmentally sound', as under the Scheme 'environmentally sound use' includes tyres exported overseas with an uncertain end use. WALGA would like TSA to provide clearer definitions under the Scheme, and more concrete targets for end-of-life tyre recycling. WALGA also states that the Scheme results in no public benefit to Western Australia.
- WALGA believes the main public detriment is that the existence of the Scheme inhibits other, more effective, government action, including the establishment of a government-run tyre stewardship scheme. WALGA believes that, in some cases, an inefficient Scheme can cause more harm than no scheme at all.
- WALGA is also concerned that a key focus of the Scheme is market development, but that this development will not address any of the issues surrounding dumping of tyres. Funds raised under the Scheme do not go towards the cost of clearing and recycling illegally dumped tyres; the burden of dealing with dumped tyres instead falls primarily on local governments.