

Our ref: AA1000695  
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Dear Carolyn

**Re: Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia application for authorisation AA1000695 – request for extension to be granted under s90(10A)**

I refer to Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia Limited's (**SPSA's**) application for revocation and substitution lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) on 18 March 2025.

As you may be aware, the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (**the Act**) provides that if the ACCC does not determine an application for authorisation within the relevant period, then it is taken to have granted the application at the end of that period. The relevant period in this instance was initially 6 months beginning on the day the ACCC received the application, ending on 18 September 2025. This period was deemed to be extended by virtue of Zero Waste Victoria notifying the ACCC that it wished for a pre-decision conference to be held. Accordingly, the ACCC now has until 21 October 2025 to determine the application.

Section 90(10A) of the Act provides that, if before the end of that relevant period:

- the ACCC has prepared a draft determination under subsection 90A(1) in relation to the application, and
- the ACCC determines in writing that the period is extended by a specified period of not more than 6 months, and
- the applicant agrees to the period being so extended,

the relevant period is that period as so extended.

The purpose of this letter is to advise you that in accordance with subsection 90(10A)(b) of the Act, the ACCC has determined that the relevant period for consideration of the application is extended until **17 November 2025**. The ACCC seeks agreement from SPSA to the relevant period being so extended.

The ACCC considers that an extension is appropriate to provide sufficient time to consider submissions in response to the draft determination, the issues discussed at the pre-decision conference, and any final submissions provided after the pre-decision conference; and to prepare a final determination.

We ask that you please confirm in writing, in response to this letter, that SPSA agrees to the relevant period in relation to application for authorisation AA1000695 being extended to 17

November 2025. I would appreciate receiving the response by no later than **COB 8 October 2025**.

A copy of this letter will be placed on the [ACCC's public register](#).

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Craig on [REDACTED] or by email to [exemptions@acc.gov.au](mailto:exemptions@acc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely

[Signed]

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