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By email

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Dear Interested Party

Re: Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia application for authorisation AA1000695– Draft determination & interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia on 18 March 2025.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation subject to conditions for 8 years. The ACCC also granted interim authorisation to SPSA to set (but not collect) the Scheme Levy, negotiate (but not enter or give effect to) contracts with third parties and to share information with Coles, Woolworths and ALDI (being members of the Soft Plastics Taskforce) to enable SPSA to prepare for the transfer of the instore collection pilot programs.

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination is attached and also available on the ACCC's [authorisations public register](#).

Next steps

The applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

Making a submission

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **25 August 2025**. Submissions should be lodged via the web form accessible on the public register page for this matter. Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Hannah Craig via the details at the end of this email.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made at a pre-decision conference (should one be called - see below), and will then release a final determination in relation to this application.

Submissions will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

Optional pre-decision conference

In some cases, the applicant or an interested party requests that the ACCC convene a pre-decision conference in relation to its draft determination. If a conference is called it will be

open to the applicant and interested parties to attend and make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend, they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **25 August 2025** by email to exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Timetable

The ACCC will continue to progress its assessment of the application in a timely manner. An updated indicative timetable is set out on the [public register](#).

This email has been 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 exemptions@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

[signed]

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