

**Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia response to ACCC request for information dated
15 July 2025**

Question 1

Does SPSA intend to withhold the proposed contribution to foundation feedstock costs incurred by Coles and Woolworths until the end of the 8 years?

- 1 The parties are yet to finalise the terms of the proposed contribution, which may be informed by the outcome of SPSA's Application (including the nature of any authorisation granted).
- 2 SPSA does not intend to withhold the proposed contribution to foundation feedstock costs incurred by Coles and Woolworths until the end of the 8 years. The contribution by way of set off will occur each year. At this stage, the proposed contribution payable by SPSA in each year remains as set out in paragraph 84 of SPSA's response to the ACCC's RFI of 29 May 2025.

Question 2

If not, would SPSA seek to recoup any paid contribution to foundation feedstock costs if Coles or Woolworths were to cease to be a Scheme Participant at any time during the 8 years?

- 3 While the terms of the proposed contribution are yet to be finalised between the parties, SPSA does not intend to recoup any paid contribution if Coles or Woolworths were to cease to be a Scheme Participant at any time during the 8-year authorisation term.
- 4 As set out in SPSA's Application, the proposed contribution is subject to ongoing Scheme participation from each of Coles and Woolworths respectively. In other words, if Coles or Woolworths cease to be a Scheme Participant at any time during the term, they will not receive the stockpile contribution amount for the relevant year(s) that they are not Scheme Participants.