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Dear Hannah

Thank you for providing Boomerang Alliance's further submission.

SPSA does not intend to provide a detailed response given these matters have largely been addressed in previous submissions, but wishes to highlight a few key considerations.

The Federal Government is currently considering numerous options for packaging reform. However, the outcome of the Government's recent consultation on the proposed reform has not yet been announced, and any regulatory reform could take a number of years to implement.

Decisive action on soft plastics is needed now and cannot be deferred. Without the SPSA Scheme and until government regulation is implemented, there is no confidence or ability to secure consistent and reliable feedstock or industry funding, which poses a significant threat to the viability of several existing downstream recycling and remanufacturing initiatives, and discourages further investment in the industry. This is particularly the case given that, without the SPSA Scheme, it is unlikely the existing measures for business-to-consumer soft plastics recycling will be expanded, and it is likely that the Taskforce and other industry-funded initiatives may ultimately be wound back or ceased given these arrangements were only intended to provide an interim solution prior to the commencement of a broader scheme.

The Scheme, which has been designed based on global best practice principles to align with a variety of future regulatory options, represents the best model available in the current landscape, and SPSA is ready to commence operations while the regulatory reform process is occurring. The Scheme does not interfere with the government progressing reform, but rather, represents a positive step towards circularity for soft plastics in the meantime. Any suggestion that the Scheme interferes with Government progressing its reform agenda is unfounded and merely speculative.

Please let us know if SPSA can provide any other information to assist the ACCC with its final determination.

Kind regards  
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