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I write in strong support of the proposed National Paint Stewardship Scheme and urge the ACCC to approve its establishment.

I served as The South Australian Minister for the Environment from 2000 to 2002 and oversaw waste policy and environmental regulation through both the Department and the Environment Protection Authority.

I was also a member of the the National Ministerial Council for Environment. I also served as Shadow Minister for Environment for 5 years .

Uniquely prior to entering politics I owned and operated 4 retail outlets comprising a Hardware Store and 3 paint shops . I undertook a paint technology course .

This industry experience combined with my environmental policy oversight places me in a unique position to comment on the scheme .

The scheme as proposed will deliver a net public good . The wider collection and better disposal of paint waste is a good public policy initiative . To have more of the waste collected and properly , safely disposed of in an environmentally friendly way will provide significant environmental and health benefit outcomes .

It is my view that the small cost as proposed through a levy is far outweighed by the public benefits that will be achieved .

Importantly this is a voluntary open scheme , open to those manufacturers and industry participants who wish to participate- there is no compulsion.

There is not price manipulation or price agreement so the market remains truly competitive and open.

The introduction of this scheme is much needed as it provides the opportunity to properly co-ordinate the safe collection of a larger volume of waste and have it safely disposed of.

It will capture almost the entire industry , overtime , and I believe provides the best model for success.

Having served as Environment Minister and having operated retail paint outlets I believe this is exactly the type of scheme the industry and government need to properly dispose of paint .

I urge the ACCC to approve the scheme .

Yours Sincerely

The Honourable
Iain Evans

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