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Dear Mr Phillips

Thank you for your letter of 1 July 2015 advising of the work being conducted by the Federation in developing and implementing a waste paint product stewardship scheme.

I have been following the development of the scheme through the recent Meeting of Environment Ministers, and I offer my congratulations on the efforts of your members, major paint retailers and master painters in this regard.

Tasmania looks forward to the granting of ACCC authorisation, and subsequent commencement and rollout of the scheme in our State in due course, and to that end I note your advice that you intend to initiate discussions with the Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment in the near future. I therefore suggest that you contact Mr John Mollison, Deputy General Manager, EPA Division, when you are ready to commence those discussions. Mr Mollison can be reached on (03) 6165 4521 or by email at John.Mollison@environment.tas.gov.au.

For your information, I wish to also advise that the department is currently drafting an exemption from the relevant Tasmanian regulations, which will be in place prior to commencement of the Scheme in Tasmania, to allow waste paint from trade paint sources to be transported to, and accepted at the Scheme's drop-off points.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Groom MP
Minister for Environment, Parks and Heritage