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Dear Mr Phillips

I refer to your letter of 1 July 2015 concerning the proposed waste paint collection and disposal scheme. I regret the delay in responding.

I was pleased to join with my colleagues from all states and territories at the ad-hoc Meeting of Environment Ministers on 15 July 2015 in endorsing the Victorian and industry-led paint stewardship approach developed by the paint industry and congratulating manufacturers, master painters and major retailers on their work.

I commend the Australian Paint Manufacturer's Federation, and particularly the five founding companies, for your development of the proposed scheme. It is pleasing to see an Australian manufacturing industry taking such a proactive approach to its responsibility under the principles of product stewardship.

I look forward to seeing the progress in implementation of the scheme.

Thank you for writing on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Greg Hunt