

25 August 2025

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Competition Exemptions
GPO Box 3131
Canberra ACT 2601

ACCC ref: AA1000695

Attention: Hannah Craig

Dear Hannah,

RE: APCO response to ACCC draft determination and interim authorisation for Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia application for authorisation AA1000695

APCO notes the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) draft determination and interim authorisation of the Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia (SPSA) soft plastic product stewardship scheme. This is a positive step towards advancing Australia's soft plastic circularity. We recognise the ACCC's consideration of the scheme's proposed benefits, and we support the conditions put forward to ensure fair access and transparency.

SPSA's intention to align with APCO's definitions and reporting frameworks is welcomed and will help to reduce duplication for business.

As previously communicated, APCO is committed to supporting SPSA in building a successful scheme. APCO will continue to engage with SPSA on behalf of our members to finalise an agreement that supports this.

Yours sincerely,



Chris Foley
Chief Executive Officer
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