

Subject: AA1000476 – Battery Stewardship Council – submission

To Whom it may concern,

The Australian Battery Industry Association is an industry group whose membership accounts for 95% of truck, car, marine and industrial battery supply in Australia. On behalf of our members, although we support the Battery Stewardship proposal to the ACCC, we would like an amendment to the wording of the exclusion. Currently under section 2.2 of the scheme titled “Automotive Lead Acid Batteries excluded from current scope” the scheme indicates that only “Automotive” lead acid batteries are excluded.

*The ABIA on behalf of its members would like to propose that **ALL** lead acid batteries be EXCLUDED from the scope of this scheme. We propose this modification on the basis that all lead acid batteries are currently part of the same successful recycling scheme as per outlined for Automotive batteries. Further to this, lead acid batteries are not just used for Automotive applications but in other applications and industries and we feel the automotive term too restrictive and will cause confusion in the market.*

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Regards,

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