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SOFT PLASTIC STEWARDSHIP AUSTRALIA LIMITED APPLICATION FOR AUTHORISATION AA1000695

About Ai Group

The Australian Industry Group (Ai Group) is a peak national employer organisation representing traditional, innovative and emerging industry sectors. We have been acting on behalf of businesses across Australia for 150 years.

Our membership includes businesses of all sizes, from large international companies operating in Australia and iconic Australian brands to family-run SMEs. Our members operate across a wide cross-section of the Australian economy and are linked to the broader economy through national and international supply chains.

Key Comments

Ai Group supports the authorisation of the Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia Limited (SPSA).

We would not like to see a halt in the momentum the taskforce and National Plastics Recycling Scheme have generated towards addressing the issues around soft plastics collection and recycling.

While the federal government works towards packaging regulation reform, the operation of SPSA can act to provide investment certainty for the soft plastics recovery supply chain, and to build collection systems that can be integrated or adapted for future use beyond the reform's introduction.

The authorisation of SPSA would also allow some soft plastic waste to be diverted from landfill while more national infrastructure is developed, as well as managing the risks associated with the existing stockpiles being managed by the major supermarkets, as stated in the application.



If you have any further questions regarding this submission, please contact our Advisor, Molly Knox (molly.knox@aigroup.com.au).

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Innes Willox'. The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

Innes Willox
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