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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
GPO Box 3131
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Re: Soft Plastics – Mandatory Stewardship Scheme

To Whom it May Concern

Berrigan Shire Council remains committed to the reduction of waste to our landfill. Reducing the use of soft plastics is an integral part of achieving that aim. The intent of establishing a mandatory levy on soft plastic packaging users such as food producers and supermarkets is therefore supported by Berrigan Shire Council.

Council remains concerned managing domestic waste has become a significant cost burden for councils. Ensuring manufacturers of this waste contribute to the cost of its being recycled is imperative to guarantee costs are not shifted to councils, and therefore to ratepayers.

Participation in the soft plastics plot is therefore supported in principle by Berrigan Shire Council with the understanding the costs of managing these waste items is to be borne by manufacturers and supermarkets and not ratepayers.

Should you require further information regarding our Council's position on domestic waste and landfill management, please contact Gary George, Director Infrastructure, on telephone 03 5888 5100.

Yours faithfully

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