



22 January 2021

Mr Tom Whitby
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
Level 2, 23 Marcus Clarke Street
Canberra ACT 2601

By email: exemptions@accc.gov.au

Dear Mr Whitby

Bunnings Group Limited submission: Paintback Limited application for Authorisation AA1000536 — interested party consultation

I refer to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (**ACCC**) interested party consultation request dated 5 January 2021 regarding the application for re-authorisation received from Paintback Limited (**Paintback**) on behalf of itself and participating paint suppliers in relation to the 'Paintback' scheme (the **Scheme**).

Bunnings Group Limited (**Bunnings**) provides this submission setting out its views on the proposed re-authorisation of the Scheme.

Bunnings has been a long term supporter of the responsible disposal of waste paint and has been actively involved in a number of waste paint recycling initiatives over a number of years. As part of this, Bunnings actively participated in the National Waste Paint Implementation Working Group which assisted in the development of the Scheme.

Since the Scheme began in 2016, Bunnings has worked closely with Paintback to host 49 events at selected Bunnings stores across Australia to ensure that communities without a permanent collection site had access to the Scheme.

As a result of Bunnings' collaboration with Paintback, those events have directed more than 380,000 kilograms of waste paint and packaging from landfill and waterways.

Bunnings recognises the benefits that the Scheme has presented for consumers wanting to responsibly deal with waste paint and packaging after painting, and the resultant benefits to the environment. As a result, Bunnings supports the re-authorisation of the Scheme.

We trust that the information provided in this submission assists the ACCC in its consideration of the proposed re-authorisation. If you have any further queries in relation to this submission, please contact Sonya Rand at [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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