

Submission by City of Stonnington-25 August 2025

Whilst we appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the SPSA proposal, the timeframe provided is not appropriate and does not allow for meaningful engagement or considered responses from local councils, who also need to go through an approvals process for any public submission. Councils will be heavily impacted by the proposals outlined, both operationally and financially, and therefore require adequate time to review the scheme in detail and consult internally before providing informed feedback. The City of Stonnington encourages efforts to improve the recovery and recycling of difficult-to-recycle materials such as soft plastics, as endorsed by Our Future Waste Strategy 2022–2025, however avoiding, reducing and designing out waste are prioritised. The success of any community oriented waste management scheme will depend on the active involvement and support of local government. We therefore welcome further opportunities to engage in a more meaningful and collaborative way on this subject, recognising the essential role that the local government sector plays in the success of such initiatives. Allowing sufficient time for input and dialogue with councils will help ensure the scheme is robust, effective, and supported by those who will be instrumental in its delivery.