

## **Submission by Felicity Ruc-25 August 2025**

Supermarkets shouldn't be burdening the consumer with a levy to pay for recycling. Particularly when at times there is limited choice to not purchase plastic wrapped goods. Supermarket profits are significant, they don't need payouts or subsidies. All money, especially public funds, should go to recycling and recovery of plastics for the public's benefit. The communities are already paying environmentally and in the cost of clean up, supermarkets should contribute to solve the issue not be paid in the hopes they do something. There needs to be innovation around solving the plastic waste issue otherwise it is doomed to the same fate as Redcycle and we won't be any better off. SPSA's board needs diverse voices on it, not only the company's that are creating the problem and looking up profit from it. For the scheme to function well there needs to be independent governance and clear and real targets. Otherwise there's no point approving it.