



Your ref: AA1000409 and AA1000655
Our ref: DWERDG35/24,
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Dear Mr Jones

***TYRE STEWARDSHIP AUSTRALIA LIMITED APPLICATION FOR
REVOCATION OF AUTHORISATION AA1000409 AND SUBSTITUTION OF
AA1000655 – INTERESTED PARTY CONSULTATION***

Thank you for your correspondence, dated 14 December 2023, regarding interested party consultation application by Tyre Stewardship Australia Limited (TSA) for re-authorisation of the approved approach to managing end-of-life tyres (EOLTs), which involves revocation of AA1000409 and substitution with AA1000655.

The State Government supports an Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) re-authorisation to allow for the continuation of the existing national product stewardship approach for EOLTs.

Western Australia's support is based on the value that the current TSA administered national voluntary product stewardship scheme for EOLTs provides despite the limitations that have been expressed about the scheme. The scheme and TSA's activities have been helpful in progressing activities and implementing systems that support the increased recovery of EOLTs in Australia, especially tyre-derived product research and trials. TSA also provides a valuable knowledge base that has assisted industry and governments through guidelines, research reports and data collection.

At the 9 June 2023 Environment Minister's Meeting (EMM), it was agreed that Western Australia would lead work "on the development of national principles for product stewardship for tyres", which could inform future national action on EOLTs and report back to EMM.

WA is working with Australian jurisdictions to assess options for EOLTs, informed by key stakeholder discussions (mainly with stakeholder peak bodies, including TSA). The project will involve a high-level assessment of EOLT options and further research into the opportunities and challenges for larger off-the-road (OTR) tyres, which are used in industries such as mining and agriculture.

The findings of this project will be submitted to EMM in 2024 to support a decision by Environment Ministers about any formal assessment of national options for EOLTs. Any further work to progress the identified options would be subject to a decision by Environment Ministers and may take some years to implement.

To allow sufficient time for this work to be completed, it is recommended that the re-authorisation be granted, preferably for a longer period than is currently being sought by TSA to account for potential delays and unforeseen complications.

Yours sincerely



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