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**AA1000536 – Paintback Limited - Submission**

Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for the invitation to comment on Paintback Limited's application for re-authorisation of the Paintback scheme.

Green Industries SA (GISA) and the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) consider that the Paintback scheme provides a convenient and environmentally responsible disposal option for unwanted household and trade paint. It contributes to eliminating the inappropriate and illegal disposal of paint.

GISA partners with Paintback for the collection and disposal of unwanted paint at the South Australian Government's household chemical and paint collection facilities.

We note that the number of permanent collection sites in South Australia has grown since the launch of the scheme and look forward to the addition of more sites, including in regional areas.

In reference to one of its objectives in its Annual Review: 'to monitor, audit and report on the development of the Paintback scheme', the EPA considers that Paintback may wish to expand on the information currently reported. In the Annual Review 2019/20, it reports that approximately 8,100 tonnes of paints and packaging were collected. It would be advantageous to also report for example, total quantity of paint sold in Australia to ascertain the relative percentage of paint that is collected and processed through this scheme to determine the scheme's effectiveness.

GISA and the EPA consider that Paintback demonstrates a responsible and effective product stewardship scheme and that its re-authorisation is in the public benefit.

For further information and/or to discuss this matter, please contact Josh Wheeler, Manager Government Business, GISA via telephone [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]; or Kerryn Suthern, Project Officer, Regulatory Reform Projects, EPA via telephone [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely



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