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Dear Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

RE: Support for SPSA Application – Soft Plastics Stewardship Scheme

Leeton Shire Council writes in support of the application submitted by the Soft Plastics Stewardship Australia (SPSA) to the ACCC for authorisation of a mandatory stewardship scheme for soft plastics.

The establishment of a mandatory levy on soft plastic packaging producers—such as food manufacturers and major retailers—represents a meaningful step toward industry accountability and long-term sustainable outcomes for waste management.

We understand that SPSA's proposal aims to secure funding from producers to support expanded residential soft plastics collection and recycling programs. Leeton Shire Council supports this approach and acknowledges that without this ACCC approval, the expansion of these valuable programs may be limited, and associated costs may shift unfairly onto local councils and communities.

We are committed to reducing the volume of soft plastics sent to landfill and support initiatives that align with circular economic principles. We believe the SPSA model enables this by ensuring that those who generate problematic waste materials play an active role in funding its recovery and responsible management.

Leeton Shire Council strongly supports the SPSA application and urges the ACCC to approve this vital stewardship scheme to ensure its continuity and expansion.

Should you require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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