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Dear ACCC,

RE: Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia Limited (SPSA) application for authorisation AA1000695.

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been part of the NPRS soft plastic kerbside collection trials and pilots in recent years which have received high-level interest and participation from our residents. We currently have 14% of households 'opting in' to take part in the kerbside collection pilot across the shire and wish to continue providing this convenient and valuable service.

ACCC interim authorisation will enable Macedon Ranges Shire Council to continue the existing pilot and, subject to ACCC final determination, implement a permanent council wide collection service to reduce preventable landfill and benefit the environment through a circular economy solution.

Macedon Ranges Shire Council supports the formation of the SPSA and the requirements for ACCC authorisation to establish a strong National soft plastic stewardship program that will be more robust than the REDcycle program. Council also endorses the eight-year term being requested by SPSA to ensure investment in the processing technology has sufficient time to make bankable propositions.

Should you require any further information about Macedon Ranges Shire Council's trials and pilots and the response of residents, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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