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Mr G Jones
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Via email – exemptions@acc.gov.au

Dear Mr Jones

RE: Paintback Limited application for Authorisation AA1000536 – Draft Determination

Master Painters & Decorators Australia WA (MP&DA)
Master painters Australia NSW Association Inc.

We are responding on behalf of the Master Painters & Decorators Australia WA (MP&DA) and the Master Painters Australia NSW Association Inc which now includes the ACT.

In response to the draft determination document, we would like to add points for consideration prior to authorisation from the perspective of both organisations.

One of the main areas for concern is that the 100-litre limit per visit remains an ongoing issue for many of the painting contractors, whether they be small, medium, or larger contractors. 100 litres is a relatively small amount, and it can be time consuming for many of them to take such small quantities to the Paintback sites, particularly for those travelling distances to sites. An increase in the quantity would be welcomed by the Industry.

Both our Associations would like to see part of the funds from Paintback expended by way of an education program for the painting contractor. A training program could highlight and create a greater awareness towards sustainable practices. The education program could also include an estimating component therefore minimising waste at the source. Good for Industry and the environment.

There is concern within the Industry that there are several regional areas and local areas in 2 of the 3 states, ie WA, NSW that do not have sufficient locations set up as the moment. In WA, Albany is one of those areas. In Sydney, it is in the Northern Beaches area. Pop up sites are well received and would assist this.

As ongoing supporters of the Paintback program, both our Associations would like to see more communication from Paintback on the strategies, actions, successes, and concerns of the Paintback program.

Current communications to industry revolve predominately around disposal sites and we believe that if more information is provided on the above then it could have the effect of raising a higher level of awareness with regards to the environmental issues and disposal processes. We believe this type of positive communication would assist with removing some of the perceptions of it being a burden and may provide a sense of inclusion and ownership into the Paintback scheme for painting contractors.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments and look forward to the growth and future successes of Paintback across Australia.

Yours sincerely



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