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Mr Tom Whitby
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
GPO Box 3131
CANBERRA ACT 2601

Dear Tom,

AA1000536 – PAINTBACK LIMITED – SUBMISSION

I refer to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's (ACCC) interested party consultation regarding the application for a 10-year extension to Paintback Limited's current arrangements and proposed continuation of the Paintback Scheme.

The Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) is a Victorian State Government Statutory Body responsible for coordinating and facilitating the delivery of waste management and resource recovery across metropolitan Melbourne. MWRRG was established on 1 August 2014 by s49C(1) of the Environment Protection Act 1970, and succeeds the former Metropolitan Waste Management Group (MWMG).

MWRRG works with Melbourne's 31 metropolitan councils to:

- plan for waste management and resource recovery facilities and services
- facilitate joint procurement of facilities and services to provide better economic, environmental, and waste management outcomes for councils
- build the capacity and knowledge of councils and their communities of best practice waste minimisation and opportunities for improved services and infrastructure.

Since 2010, MWRRG has supported Paintback as an effective national product stewardship scheme that has encouraged consumers to responsibly dispose of paint and paint packaging, resulting in positive resource recovery and environmental outcomes.

MWRRG has no objection to the reauthorisation of the Paintback Scheme and a continuation of associated collection and disposal activities for an additional 10 years.

Yours sincerely



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