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Mr Gavin Jones  
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Dear Mr Jones

Thank you for your letter of 14 December 2023 regarding an application for re-authorisation (revocation and substitution) from Tyre Stewardship Australia Limited (TSA) and your invitation for the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to comment.

The EPA is the primary environmental regulator for New South Wales. One of our key roles is to protect the community and environment from harm. In considering the most significant near-term threats, we have identified seven topics we are prioritising for the financial year 2023–24. One of these topics is end-of-life-tyres.

The EPA's regulatory priorities are drawn from significant or emerging threats or opportunities which require near-term action. Waste tyres must be managed responsibly as they can pose a risk to the environment and take up valuable space in landfill. In response to the growing trend of stockpiling end-of-life tyres, we will focus on the safe storage and tracking of waste tyres, as well as illegal or unsafe disposal.

Product stewardship schemes play a key role in holding producers accountable for managing their waste and driving circularity. At the Environment Ministers Meeting on 9 June 2023, Ministers agreed that Western Australia will lead on the development of national principles for product stewardship for tyres. The EPA is actively supporting the Western Australian Department of Water and Environmental Regulation on this national work.

The NSW Government supports the re-authorisation of the national Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme, led by the Tyre Stewardship Australia Limited (TSA). It is imperative that this voluntary work to increase the recycling rate of end-of-life tyres continues, while national work is underway.

If you have any further questions about this issue, please contact Mr Asela Atapattu, Director Circular Economy Policy, EPA on [REDACTED] or [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely



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