



Good food, Good life

Nestlé Australia Ltd
ABN 77 000 011 316

GPO Box 4320, Sydney NSW 2001
T +61 (02) 8756 2000
F +61 (02) 9736 0500

7 April 2025

Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
23 Marcus Clarke Street
Canberra ACT 2601
Attention : Hannah Craig

Your ref : AA1000695

By email: exemptions@accc.gov.au

Dear Tess Macrae / Hannah Craig

Soft Plastic Stewardship Australia - application for authorisation AA1000695

I refer to the application for authorisation by Soft Plastics Stewardship Australia (**SPSA**), and in particular SPSA's request for urgent interim authorisation. Nestlé is an initial member of SPSA and we strongly support both SPSA's application and request for interim authorisation.

Nestlé Australia

Nestlé Australia Ltd (**Nestlé**) is part of the Nestlé group. We have six Nestlé manufacturing facilities in Australia, producing many of the products we sell locally in Australia or in New Zealand. Other products are imported and we have local, regional and global sourcing teams. Our diverse business includes a wide range of food, beverage and pet food products and some of Australia's best-known brands. These include *Kit Kat*, *Allen's*, *Nescafé*, *Milo*, *Uncle Tobys*, *Maggi*, *Sustagen*, *Optifast*, *Nan* and *Purina* pet food.

Nestlé's vision is that none of our packaging, including plastics, ends up in landfill or as litter. In Australia, we have actively supported packaging recycling initiatives and the design of recycling schemes and systems (subject to approval), including working with government, industry and environmental organisations. As a member of APCO, we were among the first companies to adopt the Australasian Recycling Label on our Australian-controlled packaging labels. Our *Nespresso* capsule recycling program for aluminium coffee capsules is a long-standing, brand-owned, national scheme that is collecting and recycling our aluminium coffee capsules at scale. Additionally, we have been working with Planet Ark on the design of an industry capsule recycling scheme, subject to approval.



Good food, Good life

In 2020, we supported the initial Curby soft plastics kerbside program for Central Coast residents in New South Wales¹ and we were a supporter of the kerbside pilots conducted by the Australian Food & Grocery Council (**AFGC**). Local resident participation and positive responses to these kerbside trials indicated the strong support for a soft plastic recycling solution. We are actively involved in developing soft plastics stewardship as part of SPSA and strongly support SPSA's proposed scheme, subject to approval.

SPSA Application

As a founding member of SPSA, we are aware of the substantial informal consultation undertaken by SPSA to inform the development of the Scheme. This has included consultation with government, processors and recyclers, brands and retailers, industry associations, local and global product stewardship groups and environmental groups.

We support the aims of SPSA's proposed scheme. They align with national recycling targets and aim to enhance domestic recycling capacity. We believe the proposed scheme will be transformative for soft plastic recycling in Australia.

We strongly support SPSA's requested urgent interim authorisation to allow SPSA to commence collection of the scheme levy and transfer existing arrangements that AFGC has in place for small-scale kerbside pilots.

We also support SPSA's request for further interim authorisation at the draft determination stage in relation to seeking market information to negotiate potential contracts for services and to share operational information and data between SPSA and the Soft Plastics Taskforce. This will allow SPSA to prepare to take over the operation of the instore collection pilot program and expand on these pilots.

We would be happy to assist if you require any further information. Please don't hesitate to contact me on 0438 913 826 or via sally.strautins@au.nestle.com.

Yours sincerely

Sally Strautins
Director – Corporate Affairs & Sustainability
Nestlé Australia Ltd

¹ [Nestlé and iQ Renew soft plastic recycling trial | Nestlé Australia](#)