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With reference to the Draft Report: 1.24 The Scheme should not be solely funded by consumers. There is no indication of what the participants will contribute to The Scheme directly as an act of responsibility for the volume of soft plastics they place into the market. A consumer paid levy should not be collected on products which do not have a 'plastic free' packaging alternative. Where a plastic free packaging alternative is not available The Scheme participants should be responsible for the levy charge. 1.28 The Scheme levy is forecast to increase over the next five years, as per Figure 3. The levy should be displayed to consumers, in an itemised way. Future pricing shifts should be conveyed to consumers at the time of increase. 1.29 Coles and Woolworths should not be able to off-set \$16 million over 8 years for the costs related to the remediation of the REDcycle program. Coles and Woolworths were partners in the program, the failure of which leaves Coles and Woolworths responsible for managing any accumulated waste from the unprocessed stockpiles. This process is a legacy responsibility for Coles and Woolworths and is not a basis for direct or indirect compensation. 1.33 The SPSA annual reporting should also be published on all participants websites in full and abridged. 1.34 The SPSA quarterly reports should also be published on all participants websites in full and abridged. 1.37 An independent review should occur at more regular intervals; and prior to the 3rd year of operation.