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I am a member of the general public. I used to recycle all of my soft plastic. I am not happy with what appears to be the slow progress in restarting this program. There has been this limited collection from 6 sites for a out a year. All of them in one city, all about 4000km from me. If there was money to be made from the process, then the supermarkets would be tripping over themselves to have the process online. Instead it appears that they are consulting and negotiating, but not really progressing along the process. It is also almost impossible for the general public to get correct, upto date information about this program. I have written to parliamentary members, the retail chains and government agencies. It takes literally months for someone, if anyone to reply. And then the a swer is usually a press release that is 2 or 3 years out of date. It was only this week, (months after asking) that the accc gave me my first ever up to date response. And they tell me that nothing has changed in the last 12 months. So I ask, where is the progress??? Why are we still having to place all of our soft plastics into landfill, if the stockpiles are being worked on? Can't we stockpile in smaller amounts? As the landfill does not break down. And is polluting our soul, forever. More needs to be done, NOW. Not eventually, but now.