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Mr Tom Whitby
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Dear Mr Whitby

AA1000536 – Paintback Limited – Submission

The Western Australian Local Government Association is writing to the ACCC in support of the draft determination for the Paintback Limited Application for ongoing Authorisation. The Authorisation Paintback Limited seeks is to continue to impose a \$0.15c per litre levy to the cost of certain architectural and design paints, and wood care products to fund the Paintback Scheme and its collection and disposal activities. The current Authorisation ends 1 June 2021 and the applicants are seeking a new authorisation for an additional 10 years.

The Association considers that the Paintback Limited Scheme provides considerable community benefit and the cessation of the Scheme would have a significant negative impact.

The Association administers the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Program, which is funded by the Western Australian State Government through the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Account. This Program provides funding for the collection, transportation and recycling/disposal of a range of HHW from 15 Permanent sites across the State. The Program also undertakes Temporary Collection Days for HHW to allow more of the community to safely and conveniently dispose of their HHW. In the past, this Program funded the costs associated with paint collection, transport and recycling. However, now the Paintback Scheme funds these collections for 12 of the 15 Permanent sites.

The significant savings from the HHW facilities operating as Paintback sites has enabled the HHW Program to undertake a number of Temporary Collection Day events across the State and to add new permanent HHW sites to the Program.

Figure 1 shows the progressive reduction of HHW materials collected each year through the Program (including paint), compared with the total paint collected from Paintback, from the WA HHW facilities.

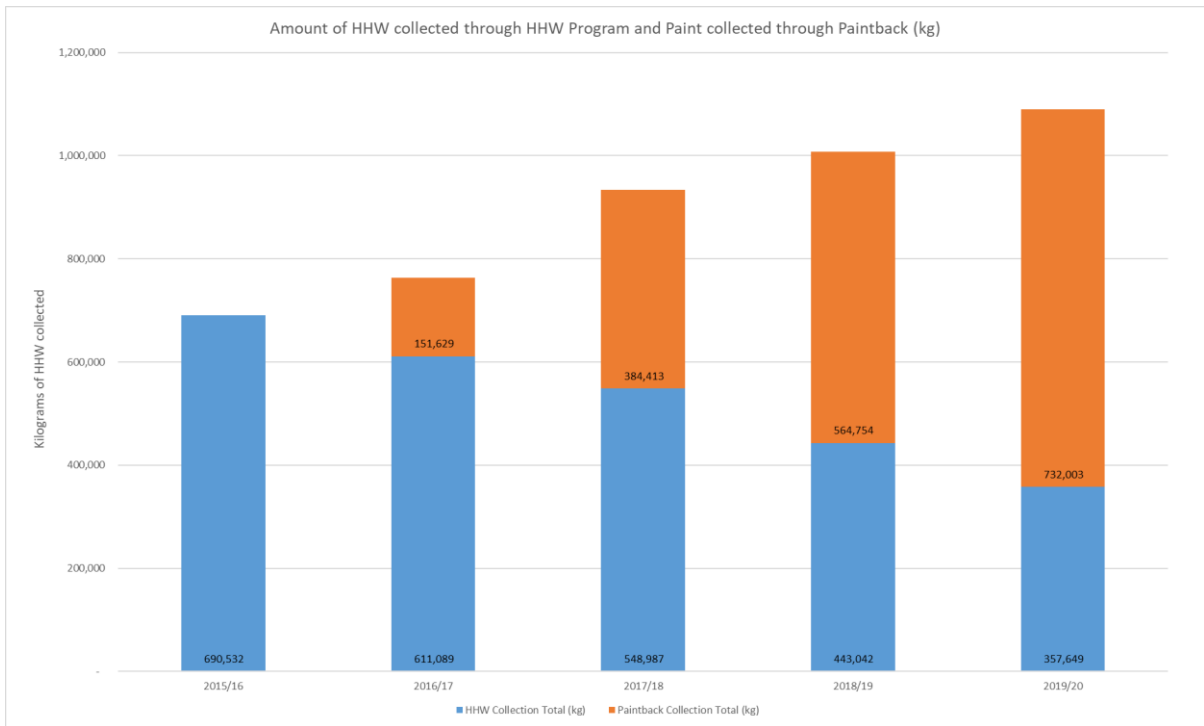


Figure 1: Total HHW collected and total paint collected through Paintback at HHW sites from 2015/16 to 2019/20.

WALGA is working collaboratively with Paintback to add the 3 remaining HHW Permanent sites to the Scheme.

Ongoing Authorisation of the Paintback Limited Scheme will enable the continuation and enhancement of the significant community benefit provided by the Scheme.

For further information, please contact Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling on [REDACTED] or email [REDACTED]

Yours sincerely

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