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Via: ACCC webform

Dear Mr Ng,

**RE: ResiLoop Limited Application for Authorisation AA1000675**

Vinyl Council of Australia (VCA) is a member-based organisation established in 1998. We act as the peak industry body representing the PVC, or vinyl, value chain in Australia. Our members are drawn from across the supply chain of the vinyl industry in Australia, representing a wide range of products, including resilient flooring.

A core purpose of VCA is working to advance the sustainability of the PVC industry in Australia through sharing information on and engaging with stakeholders regarding the lifecycle of PVC.

Around 50,000 tonne of vinyl flooring reaches end of life in Australia every year. There is also limited local manufacturing of resilient flooring and virtually no existing markets for recovered resilient flooring waste. While small volumes of recovered resilient flooring waste was historically returned-to-manufacturer for recycling, this has halted due to changes in Australian waste export regulations adopted in 2021. The outcome is that waste generated from vinyl resilient flooring, accounting for approximately 25% of the total PVC waste generated in Australia each year, is destined to landfill.

VCA strongly supports ResiLoop's aim to recover and recycle currently landfilled waste into new products and supports the ResiLoop application for authorisation to establish and operate a voluntary, industry-led product stewardship scheme for the collection and recycling of resilient flooring waste, funded by a transparent levy on all resilient flooring sales to support the R&D and operational costs that the scheme will incur.

Yours sincerely,

Jim Coulston  
Chief Executive Officer