

Supermarket Soft Plastics Taskforce Meeting 3 minutes

16 December 2022, 9:00-10:30

Attendees

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water: Kate Lynch, Cameron Hutchison, Jane Cronin.

Coles: Brooke Donnelly, Catherine Macneil, Llew Fleming, Simone Brookes, Kristen Boverly-Spencer, Wade Moss.

Woolworths: Christopher Lane, Laurie Kozlovic, Peter Bruce, Alice Yang.

Aldi: Daniel Baker.

Minutes

Agenda item 1: Welcome and attendance

- Kate Lynch confirmed her role as Chair for this meeting and commenced with an acknowledgment of country

Outcomes:

- **Attendees agreed** that Woolworths would take minutes for this meeting.
- **Attendees confirmed** that there were no further comments on the agenda for this meeting.

Agenda item 2: Important updates to share

- Attendees discussed at a high level enquiries received by the Attendees regarding soft plastics recycling from EPAs, media, councils and consumers.



Outcomes:

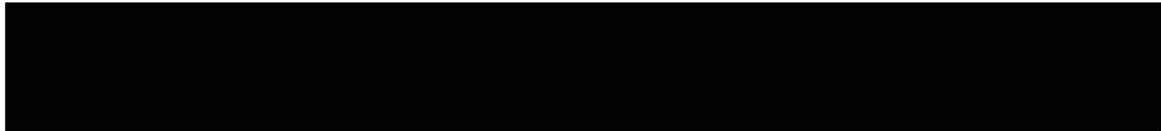
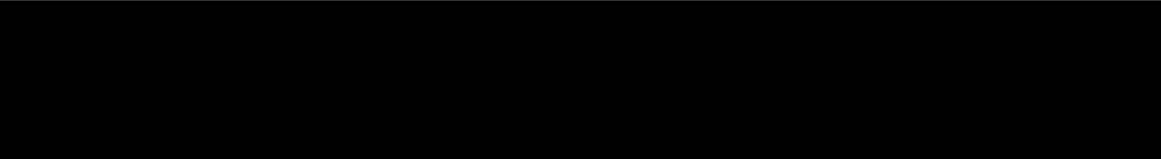
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Agenda item 3: Review of available data - capacity mapping, collection data, REDcycle data

- Attendees discussed the data collated to date regarding current and anticipated (in the short term) domestic soft plastics recycling capacity.
- Attendees discussed projected in-store soft plastic collection volumes once a Short Term Solution is re-commenced, based on the historic collection volumes. Woolworths noted that the projected in-store collection volumes were necessarily uncertain, as there may be a delay in some customers re-engaging in a collection program, while some customers may currently be storing their soft plastics in anticipation of a Short Term Solution.




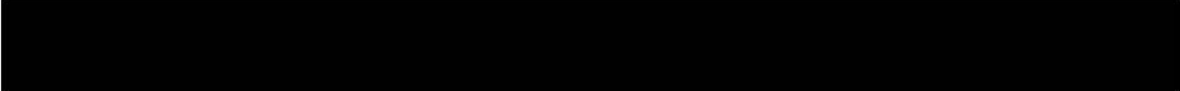

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- Attendees discussed needing to obtain further confidence in the anticipated volume capacities and the estimated timeframes for soft plastic recycling capacities becoming available. Attendees noted that this would inform the timing and nature of the Short Term Solution, and the communications to the public regarding the Short Term Solution.

Outcomes:

- **Participants agreed** that they would each make further enquiries to obtain greater confidence in the capacity mapping data and provide such information to the Department, with the Department to distribute the collated information to the Participants.
- **Participants agreed** that Woolworths would distribute an updated summary graph of the data collated as at the date of this Soft Plastic Taskforce meeting with refined reprocessing capacity numbers that excluded plants which did not generate end-outputs.

Agenda item 4: Milestones and metrics for restarting instore collection

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- Attendees discussed whether it was desirable to have a joint logistics solution to transport collected soft plastics from the Participants' stores or distribution centres to recycling processors.
 - Woolworths noted that exports should continue to be explored as a potential avenue for soft plastics recycling, particularly to enable the earlier commencement of a Short Term Solution. The Chair noted that the Department would provide further information as to the requirements for export for offshore recycling.

Outcomes:



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- **Participants agreed that Woolworths would undertake preliminary modelling for joint logistics [REDACTED] as part of the Short Term Solution.**
- **Attendees agreed that the Department would provide further information as to the requirements for export for offshore recycling.**

Agenda item 5: Communications

Public communications roadmap process

Communications plan for Jan



Outcomes:



Agenda item 6: Forward meeting schedule

- **Attendees discussed the reconvening of the Soft Plastics Taskforce after the upcoming holiday period.**

Outcomes:

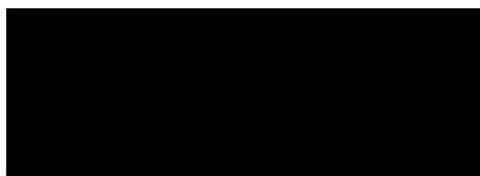
- **Attendees agreed that the next Soft Plastics Taskforce meeting would take place on 19 January 2023, followed by 3 February 2023.**

Agenda item 7: Other business and wrap-up

- **Attendees discussed their key points of contact for the Soft Plastics Taskforce on this matter over the upcoming holiday period.**

Outcomes:

- **Attendees agreed that their key points of contact were:**



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[Agenda item 8: Meeting close](#)