

Supermarket Soft Plastics Taskforce Meeting 5 Minutes

25 January 2023, 9:30am - 10:30am

Attendees

Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water: Chloe Bird, Jessica Lear, Annette Williams.

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

Woolworths: Christopher Lane, Peter Bruce, Christopher Lane, Nerilee Telford, Alice Yang.

Aldi: Daniel Baker, Adrian Christie.

Minutes

Agenda item 1: Welcome and attendance

- Peter Bruce confirmed his role as Chair.

Outcome:

- **Attendees agreed that Woolworths would take minutes for this meeting.**

Agenda item 2: Important updates to share

- Nothing was raised in response to this item.

Agenda item 3: Overview of meeting with the EPA on 23 January 2023

Coles and Woolworths to provide update

Discuss approach and agreed response to the EPA

- Woolworths and Coles reported on the meeting with the NSW and Victorian Environment Protection Authorities (EPAs) on 23 January 2023, including the outcome of the EPAs' investigation of REDcycle's stockpiles, namely:

- [Redacted]

- [Redacted]

- Participants noted that, should assistance from parties other than REDcycle be required, the preferred and more productive approach would be a collaborative industry solution developed in consultation with the NSW and Victorian EPAs, Government, REDcycle and other members of the REDcycle program.

- [Redacted]

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- Attendees discussed the need for further details from the EPAs regarding their findings and a detailed update from REDcycle in order to inform next steps. The Taskforce still does not have clarity as to the complete volume, location and condition of REDcycle's stockpiles.

Outcome:

- Attendees agreed that the Participants would write to the EPAs to seek further written information regarding the outcome of their investigations to inform future decision making.
- [REDACTED]

Agenda item 4: Future meeting schedule

Invitation to the EPAs and possible industry partners to attend a Taskforce meeting

- Attendees noted the need to brief other industry partners on the EPAs findings in order to enable collaborative industry discussions regarding potential next steps.

Outcome:

- Attendees agreed that the NSW and Victorian EPAs would be invited to the next Taskforce meeting to provide a more detailed briefing of their findings.
- Attendees agreed that REDcycle and the AFGC, and an external consultant would be invited to the next Taskforce meeting to urgently discuss potential industry solutions to this issue.

Agenda item 5: Other business and wrap-up

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Outcome:

- Attendees agreed to consider the position following the next Taskforce meeting.

Agenda item 6: Meeting close