

# Supermarket Soft Plastics Taskforce Meeting 6 Minutes

3 February 2023, 9:30am - 11:00am

## Attendees

**Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water:** Chloe Bird, Jane Cronin, Annette Williams, Cameron Hutchinson.

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

**Woolworths:** Laurie Kozlovic, Nerilee Telford, Peter Bruce, Alice Yang, Eloise Fanuli, Liam Brennan.

**Aldi:** Daniel Baker.

## Minutes

### Agenda item 1: Welcome and attendance

Outcome:

- **Attendees agreed** that Coles would take minutes for this meeting.
- **The Department confirmed** that the ACCC has confirmed that the progress report to be lodged within 3 months of the conditional interim authorisation is due on 27 February 2023.

### Agenda item 2: Presentations (New South Wales Environment Protection Authority (EPA), Victorian EPA, REDcycle and Q&A)

#### *NSW and VIC EPA presentations*

- Adam Gilligan, Director, joined the meeting from the NSW EPA.
- Mark Rossiter, Executive Director Operations, joined the meeting from the VIC EPA, along with colleagues Rachel Gualano and Steve Lansdell.
- The NSW EPA provided an overview of the presentation given to Coles and Woolworths on 23 January 2023, namely:

[REDACTED]

- The VIC EPA provided an overview of and update on the presentation given to Coles and Woolworths on 23 January 2023, namely:

[REDACTED]

#### *Discussion after EPA presentations*

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Outcomes:

[REDACTED]

*REDcycle Presentation*

- Elizabeth Kasell from REDcycle joined the meeting [REDACTED]
- REDcycle provided an official statement to participants of the Taskforce, namely:  
[REDACTED]

Outcomes:

- **All attendees agreed** to raise the following questions with REDcycle:  
[REDACTED]
  - **All attendees agreed** that Woolworths would prepare the first draft of correspondence to REDcycle seeking further information and would forward to the other participants for input.  
[REDACTED]
- All attendees agreed** [REDACTED]

Agenda item 3: Presentations (Deloitte and Q&A)

[REDACTED]

Outcomes:

[REDACTED]

Agenda item 4: Roadmap communication approach

- Attendees discussed the need to progress the roadmap and noted that recent Taskforce meeting minutes had previously flagged that there may be a public update by the end of January.
- The Department reported they had met with the ACCC and provided a high level overview of the progress of the Taskforce, noting the current focus on considering issues associated with the existing stockpiles. The Department noted the ACCC was interested in keeping the public updated on the progress of the Taskforce.
- Attendees noted that the content of the roadmap would also form the major content of the ACCC Report. Coles confirmed it would lead the development and review process for the ACCC Report.

Outcomes:

[REDACTED]

Agenda item 5: Other business and wrap-up

- Attendees noted that the supermarkets were recently approached for comment by the Age on the Taskforce.
- Participants discussed the need for the next Taskforce meeting on 10 February 2023.

Outcomes:

[REDACTED]

- **All attendees agreed** next week's Taskforce meeting would be kept in as a placeholder and parties would confirm by Wednesday if it would be required.
- **The Department confirmed** the ACCC is comfortable with sub-meetings taking place on the basis that discussions are to be fed back into the Taskforce meeting minutes.

Agenda item 6: Meeting close

Outcomes:

- **Chloe Bird confirmed** that Kate Lynch would return as chair for the next Taskforce meeting.
- **Chloe Bird confirmed** that she would be available to provide information on export issues