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the Environment and Water

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Dear Ms Menon

***Draft Determination: Coles Group Limited and other participating supermarkets – application for authorisation AA1000627 – variation to the definition of conduct.***

I write in relation to the abovementioned draft determination (the draft determination) in support of authorisation under s88(1) of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010 (Cth)* (the Act). The Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water (the department) welcomes the opportunity to provide an additional submission in support of Coles Group Limited and other participating supermarkets (the participants) proposed variation to the definition of the conduct sought by the Participants.

The department confirms that it supports the proposed conduct to be authorised by limiting it to the steps contained in section 9 of the Roadmap to Restart.

As highlighted in our initial submission, the recycling and resource recovery sectors in Australia are experiencing substantial growth. Recent investment by governments and industry will significantly increase Australia's domestic processing capacity.

The department supports this variation to the definition of conduct and as previously stated the department is also willing to chair any future meetings of the Soft Plastics Taskforce if the Participants are provided with continuing ACCC authorisation.

Yours sincerely,



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