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Dear Sir / Madam

**House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation and Science.
Australian Tyre Industry Inquiry**

The Fleurieu Regional Waste Authority is a Local Government subsidiary of the City of Victor Harbor, Alexandrina Council, District Council of Yankalilla, and Kangaroo Island Council in South Australia. The Authority provides waste management services, including kerbside collections, waste transfer stations, waste education, and advocacy, to more than 60,000 residents and visitors.

The management of tyres in our region remains an ongoing and costly challenge. Illegal dumping and the clean-up of tyre stockpiles impose significant financial burdens on our small communities and cause immeasurable environmental harm.

Our councils currently recycle tyres through TyreCycle, the sole provider in the market. However, costs continue to rise, and further investment is urgently needed to support innovation and expand processing capacity within the sector. While our councils actively reuse tyre products where possible, such as crumbed rubber in road resurfacing, playground surfacing, and gym flooring, greater innovation is needed to unlock new recycling pathways and realise the full value of this resource.

The existing system is not working. It continues to result in environmental degradation, economic inefficiency, and social harm. At present, the costs and impacts of managing End-of-Life Tyres (EOLT) fall disproportionately on local communities. These responsibilities should instead be effectively and appropriately allocated to manufacturers and importers.

A mandatory product stewardship scheme, requiring full participation from all tyre manufacturers and importers, represents the most equitable and efficient approach to managing the complete lifecycle of tyres.

Such a scheme must be supported by detailed regulations and designed to transition the sector from a linear “use and dispose” model to a circular system in which tyres are treated as a valuable resource. A circular model is the most responsible and sustainable path forward, and our Authority strongly encourages the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation and Science to take meaningful action to establish such a scheme for the benefit of future communities.

Below is a photograph of a growing stockpile of tyres in one of our towns. It is only a matter of time before this will cost someone thousands of dollars to clean up—or worse, catch fire and release toxic smoke into the environment.



This situation is replicated across our district and, we expect, across many other regions of Australia.

On behalf of our communities, we again urge the House of Representatives Standing Committee on Industry, Innovation and Science to take real and decisive steps to implement a mandatory product stewardship scheme for tyres in Australia.

Yours sincerely,



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