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NSW EPA Corrections and Clarifications

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Original:

Senator CADELL: On that point, we've heard plenty of industry people talk about batteries—a number of fires where they've had to drop loads, such as MRF fires—and also troubles with insurance, putting the whole industry at risk. You're saying you're collecting data. Are you collecting that sort of data as well?

Mr Atapattu: Absolutely. We are working really closely with ACOR, WCRA, and WMRR, the peak bodies, to understand the nature of the impact, because that's what we need to feed into the economic impact assessment to understand what the costs are of not acting.

Clarification:

The NSW Environment Protection Authority receives reports of fires from a range of sources, including from Fire and Rescue NSW and industry peak bodies.

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CHAIR: I'll just take you back to packaging. You gave us a very interesting insight into some of the things you're looking at in packaging. Are you or your department on the packaging government officials group that's currently reviewing APCO's 2030 strategic plan?

Mr Atapattu: I'm aware that we have a working group that we get consulted on, but I'll need to take that on notice. I don't know.

Answer: Yes, the NSW Environment Protection Authority is a member of the Packaging Government Officials Group convened by the Commonwealth Department of Environment, Energy and Climate Change.