

Product Stewardship Bill

Attention Stephen Palethorpe,

On Behalf of Keep Australia Beautiful I wish to give our support to the concepts laid out in this Bill

1. It is far better from an Environmental, Social and Economic perspective that a National approach be implemented rather than a State by State regulation of product Stewardship. This can be seen in the work of the Australian Packaging Covenant Council approach to Recycling, in which, with Regularity underpinning Australia has achieved packaging recycling rates the envy of many countries without absolute regulations.

The National approach outlined in this Bill will avoid the inefficiencies associated with different Australia state and territory laws , applying to the same products.

Living on the border of NSW and Victoria I am well aware of the issues and difficulties to business involved with different state laws.(Called Boarder anomalies)

2.The Bill covers Voluntary provisions, Co-regularity provisions, and where necessary Mandatory provisions.

The concept of Co-regulatory provisions is most important in our view. We see examples of the majority of an industry wanting to take action but being held back by laggards who want a "Free ride". We endorse the approach.

3.KABN look forward to the National computer and television recycling scheme being able to progress after this important Bill is passed into law.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Chambers

National Chair Keep Australia Beautiful,