

Single-Use Plastic Working Group Meeting 8

Communiqué

The eighth meeting of the Single-Use Plastic Working Group was held on Thursday 23 June 2022.

Attendees:

Online

Michelle Andrews (Chair)	Director General, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)
Michael Andrew (proxy)	Membership and Licensing Manager, Australian Hotels Association
Ruby Schultz (proxy)	Partnerships and Projects Coordinator, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation Ltd.
Jason Robertson	Director Sustainability, Australian Retailers Association
Melissa Manley	Climate Action and Sustainability Project Manager, Department of Communities
Neil Keen	Director, Department of Health
Marie-Claire McKiernan (proxy)	National Membership Manager, Master Grocers Association
Sophie Keay	Project Lead – Policy, National Disability Services
David Stout	Director, Policy, National Retail Association
Melissa Benson	Business Support Pharmacist, Pharmacy Guild of Australia
Rebecca Prince-Ruiz	Executive Director, Plastic Free Foundation
Brendan Cullinan	Chief Executive Officer, People with Disabilities (WA) Inc
Manus Stockdale	Acting Chief Executive Officer, Vegetables WA
Rebecca Brown	Manager Waste and Recycling, WA Local Government Association
Gayle Sloan	Chief Executive Officer, Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association Australia
Kate Noble	No Plastics in Nature Policy Manager, WWF Australia

Apologies

Bradley Woods	Chief Executive Officer, Australian Hotels Association WA
Dr Tony Ryan	Physician, Australian Medical Association (WA) Inc
Peter Brisbane	Government Partnership Manager, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation Ltd.
Esme Bowen	Chair, Carers Advisory Council WA
Jos de Bruin	Chief Executive Officer, Master Grocers Association
Hugo Robinson	Manager Policy and Government, Restaurant and Catering Association of Australia Inc
Rebecca Colbung	Aged Care Coordinator, South West Aboriginal Medical Service

Observers

Ebony Johnson	Project Manager, Policy, National Retail Association
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DWER Support

Sarah McEvoy	Executive Director Strategic Policy
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Daniel Nevin	Director Strategic Policy
Chris Ryan	Senior Manager Programs
Stuart Clarke	Acting Manager Programs
Bryce Pitts-Hill	Senior Program Officer
Dr Stephanie Jennings	Senior Policy Officer
Rebecca Rosa	Senior Program Officer
Stephen Quiterio	Environmental Officer – Programs
Elizabeth Tanner	Acting Senior Program Officer

Meeting summary

At the eighth meeting:

- The Chair opened the eighth Single-Use Plastic Working Group meeting and welcomed members, including new members for Department of Communities and the South West Aboriginal Medical Service.
- The minutes and communiqué from meeting seven were endorsed.
- DWER shared a draft scope of the Stage 2 Plan for Plastics regulations and discussed out of session feedback from members.
- DWER provided an overview of the proposed approach to Stage 2 Plan for Plastics consultation and discussed out of session feedback from members.
- DWER provided an update on the Plan for Plastics and the implementation of Stage 1 regulations, including community education, exemption applications, legislation amendments, and government initiatives to reduce plastic procurement.
- The National Retailer Association provided a summary presentation on the Retailer and Supplier Education and Engagement Program. Engagement has now reached over 300 precincts across regional and metropolitan Western Australia.
- The Boomerang Alliance provided an update on the Plastics Free Places Program, and shared methods to increase engagement with local governments.

The next meeting is scheduled for 12 September 2022.

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