

Single-Use Plastic Working Group Meeting 6

Communiqué

The sixth meeting of the Single-Use Plastic Working Group was held on Tuesday 9 November 2021.

Attendees:

Online

Sarah McEvoy (Acting Chair)	Executive Director Strategic Policy, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)
Melissa Benson (proxy)	Business Support Pharmacist, Pharmacy Guild of Australia
Brendan Cullinan	Executive Director, People with Disabilities (WA) Inc
Jim Vanopoulos (proxy)	Policy Manager, WA, National Disability Services
Neil Keen	Director, Department of Health
Bronwynn Comerford	Individualised Services Program Manager, Department of Communities
Esme Bowen	Chair, Carers Advisory Council WA
Rebecca Prince-Ruiz	Executive Director, Plastic Free Foundation
Kate Noble	No Plastics in Nature Policy Manager, WWF Australia
Peter Brisbane	Government Partnership Manager, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation Ltd.
Jason Robertson	Director Sustainability, Australian Retailers Association
Rebecca Brown	Manager Waste and Recycling, WA Local Government Association
Dr Tony Ryan	Physician, Australian Medical Association (WA) Inc
Mark Paladino (proxy)	Trade Marketing and Business Development, Master Grocers Association
Janet Wagland	General Manager Community, Brightwater
Hugo Robinson	Manager Policy and Government, Restaurant and Catering Association of Australia Inc
David Stout	Director, Policy, National Retail Association

Apologies

Christine Allen	Chief Executive Officer, Council on the Ageing, WA
Jos de Bruin	Chief Executive Officer, Master Grocers Association
Jacque Daisley	National Disability Services
Lesley Nelson	Chief Executive Officer, South West Aboriginal Medical Service
Bradley Woods	Chief Executive Officer, Australian Hotels Association WA
Michael Andrew	Membership and Licensing Manager

Observers

Ross Anile	Director, Masters Grocers Association Board
Ebony Johnson	Project Manager, Policy, National Retail Association

DWER Support

Daniel Nevin	Director Strategic Policy
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Chris Ryan	Senior Manager Programs
Peter Musk	Manager Programs
Bryce Pitts-Hill	Senior Program Officer
Amanda Thomas	Senior Policy Officer

Presenters not listed elsewhere

Kellie Lindsay	Boomerang Alliance
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Meeting summary

At the sixth meeting:

- The Chair opened the sixth Single-Use Plastic Working Group meeting and welcomed Members.
- The minutes and communiqué from meeting five were endorsed.
- The Chair thanked members that provided feedback on the draft Stage 1 *Environmental Protection Regulations Amendment (Prohibited Plastics and Balloons) Regulations 2021*, which formed part of feedback to the Minister.
- The National Retailer Association (NRA) provided an overview of a Retailer and Supplier Education Program designed to support for business stakeholders across WA in the lead up to the Stage 1 regulations.
- The Boomerang Alliance provided an overview of the Plastics Free Places Program which is another support program targeted at food retailers and the events sector to reduce key plastics items such as straws, takeaway containers, coffee cups/lids, bags, foodware and water bottles.
- Members were updated on the two-stage approach to Stage 1 community education, where members will be provided opportunity to have input and review materials.

The next meeting is scheduled for early 2022.

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