

Single-Use Plastic Working Group Meeting 7

Communiqué

The seventh meeting of the Single-Use Plastic Working Group was held on Thursday 14 April 2022.

Attendees:

Online

Michelle Andrews (Chair)	Director General, Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER)
David De Garis (proxy)	Membership and Licensing Manager, Australian Hotels Association
Dr Tony Ryan	Physician, Australian Medical Association (WA) Inc
Ruby Schultz (proxy)	Partnerships and Projects Coordinator, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation Ltd.
Jason Robertson	Director Sustainability, Australian Retailers Association
Esme Bowen	Chair, Carers Advisory Council WA
Bronwynn Comerford	Individualised Services Program Manager, Department of Communities
Neil Keen	Director, Department of Health
Mark Paladino (proxy)	Trade Marketing and Business Development, Master Grocers Association
Sophie Keay	Project Lead – Policy, National Disability Services
Melissa Benson (proxy)	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
Hugo Robinson	Manager Policy and Government, Restaurant and Catering Association of Australia 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
Peter Brisbane	Government Partnership Manager, Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation Ltd.
Janet Wagland	General Manager Community, Brightwater
David Stout	Director, Policy, National Retail Association
Christine Allen	Chief Executive Officer, Council on the Ageing, WA
Jos de Bruin	Chief Executive Officer, Master Grocers Association
Coralie Flatters	State Manager WA, National Disability Services
Lesley Nelson	Chief Executive Officer, South West Aboriginal Medical Service

Observers

Marie-Claire McKiernan	National Membership Manager, Master Grocers Association
Ebony Johnson	Project Manager, Policy, National Retail Association

DWER Support

Sarah McEvoy	Executive Director Strategic Policy
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

Meeting summary

At the seventh meeting:

- The Chair opened the seventh Single-Use Plastic Working Group meeting and welcomed members, including new members from Vegetables WA and the Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association Australia.
- The minutes and communiqué from meeting six were endorsed.
- Members considered working group governance, with an out of session presentation by the Public Sector Commission arranged for new members and proxies.
- DWER provided an update on the Plan for Plastics and the implementation of Stage 1 regulations. Discussion centred on the preparation of businesses and community for the bans, additional support measures required, and the pathway for regulatory exemption requests.
- DWER provided an update on Stage 1 community education materials which will be delivered in May and June 2022. Members were requested to provide feedback on draft materials.
- The National Retailer Association (NRA) provided an update for the Retailer and Supplier Education and Engagement Program. On-ground, online, telephone engagement is on schedule and had reached over 60 business precincts.
- DWER provided an update on behalf of the Boomerang Alliance on the Plastics Free Places Program. On 14 April 2022 the Minister for Environment and Climate Action, Hon Reece Whitby MLA, launched the expression of interest process for organisations to be involved in reducing plastic consumption.
- DWER provided an overview of the Premier's Circular 2021/13 to reduce the use of disposable plastic in government agencies, and the recent examples of progress.
- Members were requested to provide feedback on upcoming Stage 2 regulatory scope and the approach to consultation.
- 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 23 June 2022.

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