



Presented to	Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held Tuesday, 16 April 2024
Related to Item	Nil
Submitted by	Cr K Wheatland
Attachments	1. 2024 NGA – Call For Motions – Product Stewardship for Priority Materials

MOTION

That the Council endorses the proposed motion (Attachment 1) to the 30th National General Assembly of Local Government which calls for product stewardship for priority materials (electronic waste, tyres, mattresses, and packaging).

OBJECTIVE, BENEFIT AND POTENTIAL RISKS TO BE CONSIDERED

This motion is presented to seek endorsement from Council to submit the proposed motion to the National General Assembly of Local Government, to reduce the costs associated with waste management to Local Governments, and increase the resource recovery for priority material types.

REASONS FOR THE MOTION

- Product Stewardship ensures that the producers of products have financial or physical responsibility for their products at end of life.
- Without effective product stewardship Local Government, and their communities, will face increasing costs for waste management.
- Product Stewardship is a key mechanism to ensure that products are designed to reduce waste generation and to facilitate end of product life recovery. This facilitates the transition to a more circular economy.
- The priority materials for action are electronic waste, tyres, mattresses, and packaging.
- For all these materials, the voluntary or co-regulatory product stewardship schemes in place are not covering the costs associated with recycling. This is particularly significant for regional areas, where there are also transport costs.
- Some materials, such as tyres and mattresses, are frequently being illegally dumped, which has an environment, social and economic impact.
- Effective product stewardship, which covers all of the costs associated with recycling, will assist in reducing costs to Local Government and the community and achieving better environmental outcomes.



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MOTION DETAILS

For more information about submitting a motion to the 2024 National General Assembly, including the motions criteria, please download the [discussion paper \(https://alga.com.au/app/uploads/2024-NGA-Motions-Discussion-Paper.pdf\)](https://alga.com.au/app/uploads/2024-NGA-Motions-Discussion-Paper.pdf).

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Product Stewardship for Priority Materials

Motion*

This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to take urgent action to implement effective product stewardship for priority materials (electronic waste, tyres, mattresses and packaging), which encourages waste avoidance and end of life recovery and covers all costs associated with recycling.

Start your motion with "This National General Assembly calls on the Australian Government to . . ." (Suggested maximum of 500 words)

National Objective*

To reduce the costs associated with waste management to Local Governments, and their communities, and increase resource recovery for priority material types.

Summary of Key Arguments*

- Product Stewardship ensures that the producers of products have financial or physical responsibility for their products at end of life.
- Without effective product stewardship Local Government, and their communities, will face increasing costs for waste management.
- Product Stewardship is a key mechanism to ensure that products are designed to reduce waste generation and to facilitate end of product life recovery. This facilitates the transition to a more circular economy.
- The priority materials for action are electronic waste, tyres, mattresses and packaging.
- For all these materials, the voluntary or co-regulatory product stewardship schemes in place are not covering the costs associated with recycling. This is particularly significant for regional areas, where there are also transport costs.
- Some materials, such as tyres and mattresses, are frequently being illegally dumped, which has an environment, social and economic impact.
- Effective product stewardship, which covers all of the costs associated with recycling, will assist in reducing costs to Local Government and the community and achieving better environmental outcomes.

DECLARATION

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This motion has been endorsed by Council.

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This motion complements or builds on the policy objectives of the Council's state or territory local government association.

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