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Support for the proposed Battery Stewardship Council

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Dear Gerry,

The Australian Battery Recycling Initiative is committed to significantly increasing the rate of battery recycling in Australia and to the establishment of an industry-led stewardship scheme for batteries. Our organisation strongly supports the principles of sustainability and the circular economy and have appreciated the opportunity to actively engage in the development of the proposed scheme design which we believe offers a practical and cost-effective arrangement.

In particular, we endorse the design features of the proposed scheme which encourage commercial development of opportunities, innovation in practice and a sharing of responsibility across the supply chain.

Given the expected rapid increase in battery imports and the corresponding need for management of those batteries at end of life, ABRI considers this to be an essential program for providing certainty necessary for industry investment in onshore solutions.

We understand that some fine detail is yet to be finalised through the preparation of operational procedures and that industry will be consulted to ensure these are practical and efficient.

We are therefore pleased to advise you of our support for the proposed scheme and look forward to working with you closely in its implementation.

Your sincerely,

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