

Bulletin

Tasmanian Automotive Chamber of Commerce



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ACCC proposes to reauthorise Tyre Product Stewardship Scheme

Dear member

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) is proposing to grant Tyre Stewardship Australia (TSA) authorisation to continue operation of the Tyre Product Stewardship scheme (the Scheme) for a further three years.

The scheme aims to increase the number of tyres being recycled and encourage the use of tyre derived products in an environmentally sustainable manner both in Australia and overseas.

Since the implementation of the Scheme in 2013, TSA has collected a tyre levy from participating tyre importers and retailers and has directed over \$9 million of funding to sustainable projects. TSA also raises awareness of the value of recycled tyres and the use of sustainable tyre-derived materials. A list of participating brands can be found on the TSA website or by taking this [link](#).

VACC and the Motor Trades Association of Australia (MTAA) has made it known to the ACCC that the current voluntary framework has limited the functionality of the Scheme and recommends a co-regulatory model. It is pleasing to see the ACCC has recognised the shortfalls of a voluntary scheme, whereby not all tyre importers and manufacturers are required to participate.

While end-of-life tyre product stewardship is listed as a priority for the Minister for the Environment and Water, the ACCC is unable to confirm if or when the Federal Government will decide to co-regulate the Scheme. Therefore, the ACCC has considered this application in the context of it being a voluntary product stewardship scheme.

The ACCC has encouraged TSA to consider other means of greater involvement from all sectors of the industry – particularly mining companies – to take part in the Scheme. With the current authorisation set to expire on 15 June, the ACCC has granted TSA an interim authorisation to continue to oversee the Scheme while the ACCC completes its assessment.

Have your say

The ACCC is seeking submissions in response to the draft determination by 28 June 2024 before making its final decision.

Further details about the application and how to make a submission are available on the ACCC's public register: [Tyre Stewardship Australia Limited](#)

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