



2nd October 2020

Energizer and Duracell commit to participate in the Battery Stewardship Scheme

Two of the largest global manufacturers of batteries, Energizer and Duracell, have confirmed that they will participate in the Battery Stewardship Scheme developed by the Battery Stewardship Council (BSC).

"This is an exciting first step for battery recycling in Australia" said Mr Gerry Morvell, Chair of BSC, "the leadership by Energizer and Duracell will give great confidence to the rest of Australian industry on the need for all battery supply chain companies to participate in the Stewardship Scheme".

Mr Morvell thanked those involved in the discussions and acknowledged the important role that The Hon Trevor Evans played in facilitating the dialogue and encouraging the early decision on participation.

Ms Libby Chaplin, the CEO of BSC said that "The discussions with Energizer and Duracell focussed on key aspects of the Scheme including funding and governance. Resolution of details on these issues will provide a framework for decisions on participation by all other companies in the supply chain". "It will also support industry to achieve improved safety and efficiency outcomes".

"This is an excellent outcome" said Ian McAlister, CEO of the Consumer Electronics Suppliers Association, adding that "the consensus reached provides a strong basis for successful implementation of the Scheme."

Following the consultation involving BSC both companies and CESA, the Board of BSC has brought forward the decision on the level of the levy to be applied at the commencement of the scheme planned for 1 July 2021. The rate of the levy will be set at 2 cents per EBU with the option to call on a further 2 cents per EBU if required following quarterly assessments of the collection rates for the Scheme.

The rate of the rebates to be applied in the first year will be set at \$4.50/kg with a regional/remote supplement of \$1/kg as proposed in the initial design.

"This decision recognises that there remains some uncertainty about the rate collection that can be achieved in the initial year of the Scheme and that the global COVID pandemic has impacted the cash flows of companies right across the Australian economy" said Ms Chaplin.

In addition to the decision on the levy, BSC will appoint representatives of these companies which have a major share of the Australian battery market, to the Board of BSC. Both companies have also committed to provide a financial contribution to the current Operational Design Phase by paying an advance on the 2021/22 levy.

Related: [Joint media release: - Australia's first national battery recycling scheme](#)

Contacts

Libby Chaplin
BSC CEO
0467 515 260
libby.chaplin@bsc.org.au

Gerry Morvell
BSC Chair
0408 990 825
gerry.morvell@bsc.org.au