

Feedback on:

The Ministry for the Environments proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines

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For clarifications and questions, please contact:

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Context

1. The Ministry for the Environment is consulting on proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines.
2. A product stewardship scheme shifts the main responsibility for recovery, recycling and disposal from local government to private industry, incorporating the costs of disposal into the product price.
3. The consultation document proposes introducing product stewardship schemes for six identified priority products: tyres, electrical products, agrichemicals, refrigerants, farm plastics and packaging (beverage containers are specifically mentioned).
4. At the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board's 27 August 2019 business meeting, it delegated authority to Chairperson, Chris Makoare and Deputy Chair, Debbie Burrows to input into Auckland Council's submission on the Ministry for the Environments proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines (resolution: MT/2019/133).
5. The due date for submissions to the Ministry for the Environment is 4 October 2019. The draft Auckland Council submission will be presented to the Environment and Community Committee for its approval on 10 September. To meet these timeframes local board feedback is due by 10am on 9 September 2019.

Relevance to the Local board

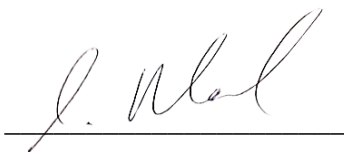
6. Local boards are responsible for decision-making on local issues, activities and services and providing input into regional strategies, policies and plans. Local boards also have a role in representing the views of their communities on issues of local importance.
7. Every three years local boards set their strategic direction through a local board plan. The Proposed Priority Products and Priority Product Stewardship Scheme Guidelines have relevance to the following outcomes and objectives the 2017 Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan:

Outcomes	Objectives
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki is a community that cares about its environment	Demonstrate environmental leadership and support community sustainability initiatives.
	Clean, beautiful waters and waterside areas.
Maungakiekie-Tāmaki has quality infrastructure to match growth	Good-quality open spaces.

Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board feedback on the Ministry for the Environment's proposed priority products and priority product stewardship scheme guidelines:

The Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board provides the following input:

- a) note that the local board is committed to demonstrating environmental leadership and support community sustainability initiatives such as supporting waste minimisation initiatives that help the local community to transition to zero waste, as outlined in the Maungakiekie-Tāmaki Local Board Plan
- b) endorse the six priority products that have been selected by the Ministry of the Environment for declaration as suitable for product stewardship schemes:
 - i) end-of-life tyres
 - ii) electrical and electronic products
 - iii) agricultural chemicals and their containers
 - iv) refrigerants and other synthetic greenhouse gases
 - v) packaging
 - vi) farm plastics.
- c) endorse a container deposit scheme to (CDS) as one of the mechanisms to extend the life of beverage packaging products
- d) endorse in principle the proposed guidelines for priority product stewardship schemes.
- e) recommend product stewardship policies to be as pro-competition as possible to ensure that there are no duopolies
- f) recommend a strong focus on local resource recovery centres for all types of waste that enables greater accessibility and participation for communities
- g) endorse the recommendation in the council submission, that the Ministry for the Environment undertake ongoing discussions with iwi and mana whenua to ensure Te Ao Māori incorporated early on in this process and that obligations under Aotearoa's Te Tiriti o Waitangi are upheld.



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