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Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role)

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Dear Mr Cain 

I am writing in response to the Standing Committee on Justice and Community Safety (Legislative Scrutiny Role) (the Committee) Scrutiny Report 36 (the Report) of 30 October 2023 in relation to response provided to the Committee's comments on the Circular Economy Bill 2023 (the Bill) in Report 34.

As you are aware, the Bill was passed by the Legislative Assembly on 24 October 2023 prior to the handing down of the Report. The *Circular Economy Act 2023* (the Act) commenced on 9 November 2023, nevertheless, I will endeavour to address the comments provided in the Report.

I note the Committee's concerns about the broad scope of matters which could be addressed by regulation in future as industry and technologies evolve over time. However, the offences to be introduced by regulation under these reforms are not intended to be broad in scope. As explained in the previous response, the need for offences by regulation is to allow for specific offences to be developed along with new reforms as the waste reduction landscape changes in years to come.

The Act includes safeguards as part of the regulation making process, whereby in addition to the normal Legislative Assembly scrutiny of regulations, there is also a requirement that, before making a regulation prescribing a requirement, the Executive must consider written submissions received over 12 weeks and must consider the financial and operational impact of the requirement on the people and businesses to whom it applies.

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Thank you for your consideration of the Bill. I trust the information above is of assistance to the Committee.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Tara Cheyne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tara" and last name "Cheyne" clearly distinguishable.

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