



Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

Inquiry into Annual and Financial Reports 2021-2022 **ANSWER TO QUESTION ON NOTICE**

Asked by Nicole Lawder MLA:

Reference: Hearing on 8 November 2022, Annual Report of Transport Canberra and City Services Directorate.

In relation to: Soft Plastics.

- 1) Given that soft plastics will no longer be accepted at major supermarkets for recycling, will the ACT Government investigate alternative ways to reuse/recycle this material to avoid it ending up in landfill?

CHRIS STEEL MLA: The answer to the Member's question is as follows:

- 1) The ACT Government continues to explore ways to prevent soft plastics from entering landfill including continuing to work with the Commonwealth Government as all levels of Government seek to reform regulation of packaging by 2025. This reform will ensure all packaging in Australia is designed to be recovered, reused, recycled, and reprocessed safely.

The ACT Government is currently consulting on the third tranche of single use plastic bans for the ACT. Products currently being considered include soft plastics such as heavyweight and boutique plastic bags. Further consultation will consider whether other soft plastics can be identified for any future ban. We continue to encourage major supermarkets to consider alternatives to the continued use of soft plastics in their packaging.

Approved for circulation to the Standing Committee on Planning, Transport and City Services

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By the Minister for Transport and City Services, Chris Steel MLA