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Dear Minister

### **Development of a national waste tracking system a battery recycling sector priority**

I am writing to offer the Australian Battery Recycling Initiative's (ABRI) support and industry expertise to NSW as you lead action 5.10 of the National Waste Policy Action Plan (Develop a nationally consistent tracking and data system for the movement and stockpiling of hazardous and controlled wastes). ABRI was pleased to see that NSW is prioritising this initiative as part of the *Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041*.

ABRI strongly encourages jurisdictions to develop a harmonized approach to managing data around collection, storage and transport of used batteries. A national tracking system would support delivery of circular economy and safety goals by:

- Improving practices in waste management and resource recovery with improved transparency and reduced administrative inefficiencies due to multiple reporting frameworks
- Identifying emerging issues for potential collaboration
- Delivering a trusted source of data to inform future policy work

This project should draw on the experience of recycling industries and on the existing jurisdictional reporting systems. Lead acid battery recyclers, with a recycling rate of 96%, have extensive expertise in coordinating collection and recycling of lead acid batteries across Australia and dealing with multiple reporting systems. ABRI members could bring valuable insights to the development of a national waste tracking and data system.

By way of background, the Australian Battery Recycling Initiative (ABRI) is the peak body representing the battery industry in Australia focusing on recycling and safety issues. The move to a circular economy means that ABRI is interested in issues across the battery life cycle and for all battery types. This is consistent with our membership which represents the supply chain including importers, distributors, retail, used battery collectors and recyclers.

If you would like to discuss how ABRI could assist, please contact me by phone 0488-216 750 or email [secretariat@batteryrecycling.org.au](mailto:secretariat@batteryrecycling.org.au).

Yours sincerely,

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