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Minister for Energy and Environment

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Ms Katharine Hole
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By email: secretariat@batteryrecycling.org.au

Dear Ms Hole

Thank you for your letter regarding the development of a nationally consistent hazardous waste tracking and data system as part of the NSW *Waste and Sustainable Materials Strategy 2041* (the Strategy).

I can confirm that NSW, through the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA), is leading action 5.10 of the National Waste Policy Action Plan to develop the tracking and data system. The NSW Government is also prioritising the development of the system as part of the Strategy to protect the environment and human health from hazardous waste pollution.

I would like to acknowledge and thank both you and the Australian Battery Recycling Initiative (ABRI) for your continued representation and support of the battery recycling industry. I welcome your valuable contribution and support in developing the tracking and data system.

As part of the development, the EPA will undertake an engagement and consultation process to obtain input and advice from industry and other relevant stakeholders. As you indicate, certain types of waste batteries that are recycled are considered hazardous waste and ABRI's members would bring valuable insights to the development of the tracking and data system. The EPA will contact ABRI when the engagement and consultation process is underway.

If you would like to discuss any matters about the tracking and data system, please contact Jerome Koh, Manager Policy, Major Projects and Initiatives, NSW Environment Protection Authority on 9995 6120 or at Jerome.Koh@epa.nsw.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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