**Waste 2017 Abstract Submission**

**Product Stewardship: A White Paper for the future**

*My presentation is relevant to the following topic area(s).*

X Circular economy 🞎 Overseas experiences

🞎 Collection (inc MUD’s, transient population areas) 🞎 Problem/Hazardous waste (inc asbestos, clinical &

🞎 Container Deposit Schemes medical, ocean plastics, paint, tyres etc)

🞎 Economics (inc business cases, data gathering, X Product Stewardship

monitoring performance) 🞎 Regional issues

X Education (inc community engagement) X Recycling (inc CRC’s, collection)

🞎 E-Waste 🞎 Regulations and levies

🞎 Grants (outcomes and processes) 🞎 Social enterprise

🞎 Infrastructure (inc major waste grants, EfW, organics) 🞎 State based issues (eg. Fit for the Future NSW)

🞎 Innovative projects (case studies preferred) 🞎 Technology

🞎 Landfill (inc operations, regulations) 🞎 Tenders and contracts

🞎 Litter and/or illegal dumping (inc litter initiatives) 🞎 Other 🞎 Organics (inc collection, processing)

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**Biography**

Carmel Dollisson is CEO, Australia and New Zealand Recycling Platform Limited (ANZRP), which operates the free TechCollect e-waste recycling program that focuses on responsible recycling to achieve sound environmental outcomes.

Carmel is a regular presenter at conferences with a passion for excellence and 30 years’ experience in management as a practising manager, consultant and interim executive. She has successfully led and been engaged in innovation/best practice, strategy and execution, performance optimisation, procurement, project and change management in Australia, UK, Hong Kong and China.

Previously, Carmel ran her own consulting practice, working with the Financial Planning Association of Australia, the Sydney Harbour Federation Trust, the Australian Stock Exchange and the Marsh & McLennan Group of Companies among others. Before this, she was Director of Business Services for Mallesons, the pre-eminent Australian law firm.

Carmel holds an MBA from RMIT Melbourne and is a member of the Institute of Company Directors.

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The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme (NTCRS) was the first producer responsibility scheme to be established under the *Act* and came into effect in 2011. ANZRP is an approved Co-regulatory Arrangement under the *Act* and, through its pioneering TechCollect program, has established the foundations for its other activities in the broader product stewardship sphere.

TechCollect is now in its fifth year of providing industry-funded permanent and one-off electronic waste (e-waste) drop-off services for the public and small business in every state and territory of Australia. ANZRP is the largest of the four Co-regulatory Arrangements (CA) operating under the Scheme.

ANZRP’s White Paper constitutes its own independent review of the NTCRS and its purpose is to review the Regulations and relevant elements of the Act to assess how they are being applied in practice to reduce the environmental, human and safety impacts of waste.

In particular, the White Paper makes recommendations in relation to the opportunity for an overarching product stewardship program in Australia, with sub-categories opposed to separate programs. ANZRP’s view is that product stewardship needs to be managed more holistically rather than using the current model of specific product based schemes.This will ensure consistency, increase efficiency, reduce confusion amongst the public and make it easier for the Department to monitor and enforce.

The presentation will:

* explore the developments leading up to the impending review
* elaborate on ANZRP’s rationale for producing a White Paper
* examine the processes involved, and the research undertaken, to product the White Paper
* provide detail on the key findings from the research and other investigations
* outline the core recommendations of the White Paper in regards to product stewardship in Australia
* reflect on the implications for future product stewardship developments

This presentation will be invaluable for any stakeholders directly involved in Product Stewardship or engaged in broader sustainability initiatives. The ANZRO White Paper is a major initiative which aims to set the agenda for discussions to come over the next year and beyond.