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MINISTER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT
MEMBER FOR FARRER**

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Dear Mr Soker

Thank you for your email of 12 February 2021 concerning the clothing textiles product stewardship application submitted to the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund.

I am aware of Charitable Recycling Australia's great work to reduce the 800,000 tonnes of clothing and textiles discarded by Australians each year.

In response to the growing challenge of textile waste, the Australian Government and industry will host a national textile roundtable to better understand and address this issue. The details of this important event are being finalised by the Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment. The roundtable will bring together stakeholders from industry, retailers, reuse charities, fibre producers, researchers and waste management organisations. I expect details of this event will be available to stakeholders in the near future.

I understand that on 18 February 2021 you met with officers from the Department regarding the clothing textiles product stewardship application submitted to the National Product Stewardship Investment Fund (NPSIF). Reducing the amount of clothing and textile waste is an important area of focus for me, and I believe there are real opportunities to build on the support for reducing textile waste already provided under the NPSIF. I have asked the department to continue to engage with you on options to increase recovery, reuse and recycling of textile waste, and encourage you to continue to engage in this dialogue.

Thank you again for your letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Susanna Ley'.

SUSSAN LEY

