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Dear Mr Soker

WASTE LEVY RELIEF FOR CHARITABLE RECYCLERS

I am pleased to advise that the Victorian Government will be providing ongoing waste levy relief for the charitable recycling sector as part of the 2023-2024 Victorian State budget commitments announced Tuesday 23 May 2023.

The Victorian Government has a long history of supporting charitable recyclers with their waste management costs and is proud to announce today that this support will continue in an ongoing manner. This new commitment reflects the government's recognition of the important role that charitable recyclers play in Victoria's circular economy, and the vital work charities do to support Victorian communities.

A new waste levy relief program will be developed in two stages in consultation with the charitable recycling and waste management sectors. This new approach will take the form of a statutory model, either as a waste levy exemption or rebate, and will replace the current waste levy relief model to give the charitable recycling sector ongoing certainty with regard to waste management costs.

The first stage will likely be a temporary waste levy waiver from 1 July 2023 for eligible charities. This temporary waiver will be in place while the permanent solution is developed and finalised. I have asked the Department of Energy, Environment and Climate Action (DEECA) to work with Charitable Recycling Australia and broader waste sector stakeholders to develop both stages of the program, to ensure they are both effective as possible for charitable recyclers.

Thank you for your continued contribution to achieving Victoria's circular economy objectives, and your invaluable work to support vulnerable Victorians across our State.

Yours sincerely

Ingrid Stitt MP
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