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RESPONSE TO QUESTION ON NOTICE
Questions on Notice Paper No 3
Friday, 7 March 2025
Question No. 206

MS CLAY: To ask the Minister for City and Government Services —

1. Given that in December 2024 the ACT Government, along with other states, territories and the Federal Government, agreed to the National Roadmap to harmonise action on problematic and unnecessary plastics, and that in February 2025, in response to question on notice No 142 in which it was asked when the list of problematic and unnecessary plastics that the ACT Government agreed to in December 2024 will be published, the response advised that it would be available once the summary of the National Roadmap has been published, can the Minister now provide a list of problematic and unnecessary plastics that the ACT Government has agreed to list.
2. When will the ACT Government consult with the Canberra community about whether, the planned national product stewardship schemes, the agreed national roadmap to phasing out problematic and unnecessary plastics and the new recycling facility, will meet community expectations.

Ms Tara Cheyne MLA – The answer to the Member's questions are as follows:

1. The list of problematic and unnecessary plastics published in the National Roadmap is provided below. The 24 predominantly single-use plastic items/materials identified had been regulated by at least one jurisdiction as of October 2024. For reference, the ACT has already banned the supply of the items in **bold**:
 - a. **expanded polystyrene (EPS) food trays**
 - b. single-serve pre-packaged condiment containers (e.g. soy sauce fish)
 - c. produce stickers
 - d. bread tags
 - e. **cotton buds with plastic sticks/stems**
 - f. **microbeads in rinse off personal care and cleaning products**



- g. balloon release (**release of 20 or more balloons is banned in the ACT**)
- h. balloon plastic accessory items
- i. **EPS consumer food containers** (e.g. cups and clamshells)
- j. **expanded plastic packaging (all loose fill** and for moulded products where the item weighs 45kg or less)
- k. **heavyweight shopping bags**
- l. barrier bags (including produce bags)
- m. cups with and without lids
- n. **bowls** with and **without lids**
- o. food containers
- p. pizza savers
- q. **lightweight bags**
- r. **straws**
- s. **cutlery**
- t. **plates**
- u. **stirrers**
- v. confetti
- w. plastic film signage outdoors for promotional or advertising purposes
- x. **degradable plastics.**

2. The ACT Government would not directly consult with the Canberra community on national programs being led by the Australian Government. This includes national product stewardship schemes and the recently released National Roadmap for the harmonisation of problematic and unnecessary plastics. Consultation was undertaken on the ACT's New Recycling Facility (NRF).

The ACT Government consulted with the Canberra community and interested community groups on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for a new recycling facility in 2023. Then, following a competitive procurement process in 2024, Veolia was selected as the industry partner to design, build and operate the NRF.

Approved for circulation to the Member and incorporation into Hansard.


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