

**INQUIRY INTO WASTE AVOIDANCE AND RESOURCE
RECOVERY AMENDMENT (PLASTICS REDUCTION)
BILL 2021**

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While many of our members have already removed EPS from their packaging, and others are on the path of removing it from some products, there are some large sensitive products (eg large printing equipment) for which there is not a currently available alternative. These are mostly B to B products and the companies have collection and recycling processes in place. For some of this equipment removing polystyrene by 2025 is not possible.

When implementing this bill we recommend that the government consult with industry on appropriate time frames and about the type of equipment that should be in scope as well as review responsibilities; e.g. is it the OEM that is responsible or the importer? This needs to be clear and there should be consultation on any potential implications.

Finally, any NSW legislation should align with Australian Packaging Covenant Plans. APCO has been appointed by the Federal government to develop a roadmap to implement the National Plastics Plan. It has been recognised that the timeframe in the plan for banning polystyrene packaging by 2022 is not achievable for many products and the roadmap will outline the pathway for different types of products.