

# NOMOREBUTTS

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**To:** Hon Sussan Ley MP, Minister for the Environment

**CC:** Hon Trevor Evans MP, Assistant Minister for Waste Reduction and Environmental Management

**Ref:** Minister's product stewardship priority list nominations

Please consider this letter as a Letter of Support from registered environmental charity, No More Butts, for the nomination of **cigarette butts** as a product for the 2022-23 Minister's Priority List.

Cigarette butts are the most littered item in Australia. Being sold in all states, they are made from a plastic filter, which can contain thousands of toxic chemicals, some known to be hazardous, which can leach into the environment.

With the ability to divert plastic landfill, introduce more recycled content programs and reduce litter of this toxic product by 50% by 2025, this product meets the criteria for selection and is ready to assist in addressing the National Waste Policy.

In addition to ongoing communications and discussions that No More Butts has been having with your office(s), No More Butts has been engaging across industry partners, peak bodies, NGOs, LGAs and other State and Federal departments to provide feedback and solutions to address the problem of cigarette butt litter in Australia. This includes providing an overview of successful programs and updates from across the globe and recommendations for action in Australia.

With this daily interaction across all stakeholders, No More Butts believes that Australia is ready to implement initiatives to deal with cigarette butt litter under a structured arrangement.

No More Butts also believes that there should be a coordinated, national effort in relation to all other waste streams relating to smoking, such as packaging and vaping devices and products, including both nicotine and non-nicotine delivery systems.

No More Butts also offers to design, facilitate and lead any programs, including provision of consultation and secretariat services for the government.

If you have any queries on the nomination, our support, or the initiatives and support that No More Butts can offer, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,



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