Attn: **MP Ms Karen Andrews**

Proposal outline for addition to Australian budget.

In response to the invitation, the following items are put forward for consideration.

Area: Plastic Re-cycling.

Introduction:

* The Chemical Industry manufactures, particularly in Melbourne, are having their viability to continue business in Australia challenged with the supply of gas end electrical energy having increased rapidly in the last few years.
* The challenge to Australia to fit within the agreements of the “Paris Agreement” will be expensive. It is anticipated that plastic waste, particularly in the sea, will be 60% in South East Asia.
* It is suggested a new focus towards Australia becoming the centre point in SEAsia for plastic waste containment in the future will be a far better investment.
* On Jan 16, 2019, the global “Alliance to End Plastic Waste” (AEPW) was launched in London commenced, following earlier developments. (see attached)
* While some funds have been put forward by Australia in the past, it would be timely for Australia to boost its status in SEAsia by generating an office for the AEPW in Australia to become the innovate centre for plastic development, processing and value adding.
* Discussions of such opportunities have already been undertaken by Chemicals Australia.
* The biggest challenge is for new viable products to fit specified requirements be produced from mostly re-cycled material – reverse engineering.
* Modification of building specs. to accommodate new materials for specific purposes. E.g. rail sleepers housed out of the sun produced from recycled material.
* National developments through Infrastructure Australia, not through state Governments, especially for industry standards.

Attached is copy of the Alliance to End Plastic Waste.

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