



REVIEW OF THE *PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP ACT 2011*

Terms of Reference

“Product stewardship” refers to action taken by those who make, import, sell, use or dispose of products, to reduce the impact of those products on the environment and human health. Product stewardship schemes may be initiated and managed by industry on a voluntary basis, or may be supported by governments through partnerships or regulation.

The *Product Stewardship Act 2011* was enacted to provide a framework to administer and accredit product stewardship schemes in Australia. The Act is required to be reviewed five years after the date of commencement.

Scope

The review will consider the degree to which the Act is enabling, and can enable, realisation of the benefits product stewardship can deliver to Australia’s towns, cities, the environment and economy.

The Review will address:

1. The extent to which the objects of the Act are being met and whether they remain appropriate.
2. The effectiveness of the accreditation of voluntary product stewardship schemes and the Minister’s annual product list in supporting product stewardship outcomes.
3. The operation and scope of the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme.
4. The interaction of the Act with other Commonwealth, state and territory and local government legislation, policy and programs.
5. International and domestic experience in the use of product stewardship to deliver enhanced environmental, social and economic outcomes through product design, dissemination of new technologies and research and development.

Governance

The review will be conducted by the Department of the Environment and Energy, informed by consultation with industry, state, territory and local governments and the community.

Timing

The review will commence in March 2017 and a final written report will be provided to the Minister for the Environment and Energy in early 2018.