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Packaging regulation pressure ramps up on the Feds

The Productivity Commission has joined the calls for urgent action on the wasteful and polluting packaging sector, in its just released report on the Circular Economy. The Boomerang Alliance said all key stakeholders are united and the Albanese Government should get cracking.

Productivity Commission says: *"To maintain reform momentum, build industry and community confidence and buy in, and enable external scrutiny, it is critical that the Australian Government publishes its proposed packaging regulatory reforms and supporting analysis without delay." **

"We note the government has had this report since August last year but so far we see little concerted movement and instead confused messaging from various government actors. When you also hear the warnings from the plastic recycling sector that without regulation and a growing market for recycled content, that the sector will face business collapses – slumber at the government wheel is unacceptable," said Jeff Angel, Director of the Alliance of 56 groups.

Earlier last year, the key industry groups and Boomerang jointly called for urgent action:

Introduce a mandatory national Product Stewardship Scheme for Packaging by 2026 that applies targets and producer responsibility across the life cycle, including for soft plastics. (BA, WMRRA, SPSA, ACOR)

"The time for action is now. The longer we delay, the more we postpone more jobs, resource savings and environmental gains," Mr Angel said.

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