1. The Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2012 amends the Waste Reduction and Recycling Regulation 2011.
2. The Regulation is subordinate legislation under the *Waste Reduction and Recycling Act 2011*.
3. The Act contains regulation making powers, including the ability to make a regulation about used packaging.
4. This amendment regulation gives effect to the provisions of the National Environment Protection (Used Packaging Materials) Measure (NEPM).
5. The framework comprising the NEPM, in combination with the Australian Packaging Covenant (the Covenant), has been the primary national mechanism in Australia to reduce the environmental impacts of used packaging since 1999.
6. This is a co-regulatory product stewardship framework, with the Covenant providing the voluntary component of the framework. The Covenant currently has over 800 signatories from government, business and industry and non-government organisations working together to reduce the environmental impacts of packaging across the packaging supply chain.
7. The Covenant is underpinned by the NEPM, which is given effect through regulation in each state and territory.
8. The Amendment Regulation contains a number of provisions that give effect to the NEPM, including:
* placing specific obligations and responsibilities on certain brand owners
* requiring brand owners, local governments and kerbside recycling collectors to provide information in relation to resource recovery and recycling
* requiring the chief executive to provide summary information for the NEPM Annual Report each year.
1. Cabinet endorsed the Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2012 be recommended to the Governor in Council for approval.
2. *Attachments*
* [Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Regulation (No. 2) 2012](Attachments/Attachment%201.pdf)
* [Explanatory Notes](Attachments/Attachment%202.pdf)