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NSW's Product Lifestyle Responsibility Bill a positive step towards introducing regulations

Livium welcomes the Product Lifecycle Responsibility Bill 2025 introduced to the NSW Parliament this week, labelling it a positive first step towards regulations of brand owners of certain products.

Livium CEO and Managing Director, Simon Linge said the issue of product stewardship was a timely one, especially considering some manufacturers have been granted permission to send e-waste and batteries offshore for processing.

The Act proposes to establish a product stewardship framework for brand owners of certain products, but these are not expanded on.

"This is a good first step towards the regulations necessary in our industry but there are still significant details to come in the form of what regulations will actually be implemented," he said.

"This important issue requires the right approach and it is paramount for Government to engage with industry to get the regulations right.

"Livium welcomes the opportunity to comment on proposed regulations as the Bill progresses.

"Batteries would be a sensible first target for the framework given the significance of the issue and the increase in hazardous fire events in the absence of regulations to correctly recycle expired batteries."

Mr Linge also drew attention to an application by TES-AMM to export e-waste that was permitted in February.

TES-AMM Australia Pty Ltd was granted a permit to export 1,600 tonnes of electronic waste, setting a dangerous precedent for Australian companies to shirk their responsibility to safely dispose of used lithium batteries where there is capacity to recycle them in Australia.

"Australia possesses enough EPA-licensed facilities capable of safely and responsibly recycling lithium batteries, and we must hold companies accountable to safely recycle their expired end-of-life batteries on our shores," Mr Linge said.

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About Livium

Livium is aiming to lead and enable the global transition to sustainable lithium production. The Company operates Australia's market leading battery recycler, produces critical battery material lithium ferro phosphate (LFP), and has developed a patented lithium extraction technology. Livium's revenue-generating recycling business and technologies are well-placed to capitalise on growing global lithium-ion battery demand and provides diversification benefits to global supply chains.