

27 February 2018

H.E. António Guterres Secretary-General United Nations New York, NY 10017 USA

Dear Mr. Secretary General,

I am pleased to confirm that the Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation supports the Ten Principles of the UN Global Compact with respect to human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption. With this commitment, we express our intent to support the Global Compact advancing these principles, and will make a clear statement of this commitment to our stakeholders and the general public.

We also pledge to participate in and engage with the UN Global Compact in the following way(s):

- Join the Global Compact Network Australia (GCNA) and actively participate in workshops and activities organised by the Network;
- Work in partnership with GCNA in identifying areas of collaboration between our organisations to improve the implementation of the Ten Principles within the business sector;
- Support the objectives of the UN Global Compact by encouraging our members to integrate the Ten Principles into their business strategies, with an emphasis on Principles 7, 8 and 9 given their relevance to our mandate;
- Assist business members of the UN Global Compact that are members of APCO in their reporting obligations and highlight the common objectives of both organisations;
- Encourage collaboration and partnerships between our stakeholders to fulfil the objectives of the UN Global Compact, notably through APCO's Working Groups and within its membership base.

We pledge to the submission of a Communication on Engagement (COE) that describes our organization's efforts to support the implementation of the ten principles and to engage with the Global Compact. We support public accountability and transparency, and therefore commit to report on progress within two years of joining the Global Compact and every two years thereafter according to the Global Compact COE policy.

Sincerely yours,

**Brooke Donnelly** 

CEO

Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation