

NSW Mandatory Battery Stewardship Scheme Supports Collection Tailwinds

Highlights

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- **NSW's mandatory battery product stewardship scheme has commenced – a first of its kind in Australia**
- **Envirostream is positioned to support increased collection volumes as the scheme matures**
- **Battery brand owners must now fund the collection and recycling of regulated batteries supplied in NSW, with significant penalties applying for non-compliance**
- **All states and territories will consider aligning with the NSW legislative approach to support a nationally consistent mandatory battery stewardship model¹**
- **Livium's previously disclosed scenario analysis illustrates potential for EV / ESS collection volumes to reach approximately 12x FY25 levels by 2030 under stated regulatory reform assumptions²**

Livium Ltd (ASX: LIT) ("Livium" or the "Company") is pleased to advise the commencement of the NSW mandatory battery product stewardship scheme on 1 October 2026 under the Product Lifecycle Responsibility Regulation 2026 (NSW) (**Regulation**). The Regulation is Australia's first mandatory battery stewardship scheme³ and marks a shift from voluntary participation to producer responsibility.

Funded collection, wider drop-off networks and mandatory recycling standards are expected to increase the volume of batteries diverted from waste streams to compliant, licenced recyclers over time. As Australia's leading lithium-ion battery recycler, Envirostream is well positioned to support the industry as these volumes grow.

Livium CEO and Managing Director, Simon Linge commented "Mandatory battery stewardship has been a long time coming and we are pleased that this significant regulatory milestone has been achieved. Our market analysis has consistently identified regulation as the single most important near-term lever for increasing battery collection volumes. A funded, mandatory framework is essential to direct more end-of-life batteries into safe, compliant recycling pathways and to support a sustainable operating environment for the industry.

"NSW has taken the first step. Environment Ministers have committed to pursue a nationally harmonised approach, and we look forward to working with product stewardship organisations, the NSW EPA and other state and territory regulators as mandatory stewardship is considered across Australia. Envirostream has the collection network, operating capability and scalable infrastructure to support that transition."

Scale of the Regulatory Opportunity

Effective regulatory reform will reduce battery stockpiling and export, therefore increasing the volumes of batteries available to compliant domestic recyclers. Livium continues to view effective regulatory reform as the single largest potential driver of battery collection volumes.

B-cycle⁴ estimates an approximate 5 times natural growth in EV and ESS battery volumes between 2025 and 2030. Livium's previously disclosed scenario analysis² illustrated the potential for growth to increase to an approximately 12 times under a regulatory reform scenario. Put simply, market growth alone is expected to create a much larger pool of end-of-life batteries, while effective regulation has the potential to materially increase the proportion of that pool that is actually collected and recycled in Australia.

¹Environment Ministers Meeting Communique, 27 March 2026; Environment Ministers Meeting Circular Economy Roadmap, September 2026.

² Refer announcement, "Corporate Presentation", dated 25 March 2026. An illustrative scenario based on B-cycle market data and Company analysis was presented on slide 8; see assumptions and cautionary statements in that presentation.

³ NSW Government ministerial release, 7 April 2026

⁴ Battery Market Analysis - The latest market data for the battery industry in Australia: B-cycle (Oct23)

NSW Leads National Regulatory Reform

NSW is the first Australian jurisdiction to introduce mandatory battery stewardship. In March 2026, Environment Ministers agreed to prioritise a nationally harmonised approach and tasked officials to develop options for nationally consistent product stewardship arrangements, with a focus on batteries and packaging.

The September 2026 Circular Economy Roadmap goes further, stating that all states and territories will consider aligning with the NSW legislative approach to support a nationally consistent model for mandatory battery product stewardship. The timing and form of implementation in each jurisdiction remain subject to future decisions.⁵

Summary of Regulatory Changes

Under the new Regulation, the obligations apply to battery brand owners that supply regulated batteries in NSW, including a person responsible for bringing a regulated battery into NSW for supply. Key product stewardship and reporting obligations do not apply to a brand owner supplying less than 24kg of regulated batteries in NSW in a financial year⁶.

Key requirements include:

- **Funding collection and recycling:** where the Environment Protection Authority (**EPA**) has entered into a stewardship administration agreement with a product stewardship organisation (**PSO**) for a regulated battery type, relevant brand owners must participate in and fund that scheme. Where no such agreement applies, brand owners must meet the stewardship requirements directly.
- **Collection and safety standards:** the Regulation sets requirements for collection-point accessibility and for the design and safety of collection containers. The focus on the design and safety of collection containers reflects the growing fire risk from lithium-ion batteries. NSW alone recorded 332 lithium-ion battery incidents in 2025³.
- **Recycling standard:** regulated batteries must be recycled in accordance with the NSW Batteries Product Stewardship Recycling Standard published by the NSW EPA⁷.
- **Reporting and enforcement:** brand owners must keep records of regulated batteries supplied including consumer information. Responsible entities have annual reporting obligations, while PSOs must report on scheme performance and finances. Non-compliance can attract significant penalties, including up to \$880,000 for corporations for breaches of safety requirements³.

The scheme covers commonly used portable batteries weighing 5kg or less, including household sizes, button cells, removable rechargeable batteries, power banks and rechargeable batteries used in e-bikes and e-scooters. Lead-acid batteries, mobile phone batteries, laptop or tablet batteries, and emergency lighting back-up batteries are excluded.

Livium's Readiness for Increased Volumes

Envirostream's capabilities include:

- **National collection** and logistics for both small- and large-format lithium-ion batteries
- **Site capacity** at the Derrimut Hub to accommodate a future processing plant of up to approximately 10,660tpa, subject to additional equipment, approvals and permitting
- Experience **processing mixed lithium-ion battery chemistries**, including LFP and NMC

The timing and scale of any impact on Envirostream's collection volumes will depend on the structure of PSO arrangements, the rollout of collection networks and its participation in those networks. The Regulation creates a funded mechanism designed to increase collection and recycling, but it does not guarantee volumes to any individual recycler. Livium will continue to report recycling volumes through its quarterly activities reports.

⁵ Environment Ministers Meeting Communique, 27 March 2026; Environment Ministers Meeting Circular Economy Roadmap, September 2026.

⁶ [Product Lifecycle Responsibility Regulation 2026 \(NSW\)](#).

⁷ [Recycling standard: the Regulation](#)

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About Livium

Livium Ltd (ASX: LIT) is Australia's leading battery recycler through its wholly owned subsidiary Envirostream — a profitable business focused on the recovery of valuable materials from end-of-life batteries.

Building on this foundation, Livium is expanding into adjacent opportunities including recycling of rare earth elements and solar panels, and the processing of black mass — strengthening Australia's clean-energy supply chain.

Forward-looking statements

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