

## CIRCULAR

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SPREP Partners & CROP Agencies.

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**SUBJECT:** **Pacific Region Agreement on Prevention of Pollution by Marine Litter and Microplastics**

Dear Members,

The Secretariat is please to advise that the University of Wollongong, Australia, has been engaged to facilitate the development of a draft non-negotiated framework for the Pacific Region on marine litter and plastic pollution.

We kindly invite you to participate in the development of this draft. Your expertise will be invaluable in moving the Pacific Region forward towards a harmonized approach to address this issue.

Below is a timeline with save-the-dates for two workshops. Invitations will be sent out soon with further details.

Please note that all stakeholders have the option to engage directly with the University of Wollongong at any time throughout the timeline outlined below.

### Timeline for development of draft framework (2021):

Zero draft – consultation format	Circulate <b>Thurs 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> 3-weeks review period
First Draft	Circulate <b>Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b> 2-weeks review period
Workshop 1 (first draft review)	<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>
Second Draft	Circulate <b>Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> 2-weeks review period
Workshop 2 (second draft review)	<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>
Final Draft	Circulate to SPREP <b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>

Please contact Anthony Talouli, A/Director WMPC Programme [anthonyt@sprep.org](mailto:anthonyt@sprep.org) for further information.

We look forward to engaging with you in the development of this regional initiative.

Yours sincerely,



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**Director General**