**Subject:** National Container Deposit Scheme

Dear Madam/Sir,  
  
I am writing to give my strong support to the proposed national Container Deposit Scheme, and indeed I can't image why it wouldn't be implemented. The benefits are clear and the costs minimal when compared with the problem of dumped bottles and plastic containers not to mention broken glass in the streets, on beaches and in playgrounds. I have lived in Germany on several occasions, in total about 4 years, and the effect of having deposits on plastic and glass containers is quite apparent. There are no bottles (and broken glass) and plastic containers lying around the streets of berlin. Why, because those that are not returned by households are sought out by the homeless and children who collect any they can find to obtain the deposits. And this is a relatively easy exercise, especially in recent years with the introduction of automatic machines in supermarkets that accept the containers, scan the barcodes, and then print out a docket for reimbursement at the cash register.   
  
The sky didn't fallen in with the introduction of deposits in South Australia, and indeed when I was a teenager in Hobart there were deposits on soft drink bottles. I would look out for these, and I am sure that many children in the present generation would do the same.  
  
Please vote for the bill, which is the only environmentally responsible approach to take.  
  
Yours  
  
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