

March 29, 2012

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to voice my support for a National Container Deposit Scheme, similar to that in South Australia.

I am concerned about all the plastic that goes to landfill and litters our streets, parkways and waterways and I feel a scheme like this would make a huge difference as it has been shown in South Australia.

Some of the issues that concern me are:-

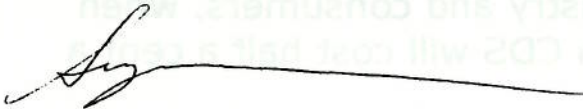
- Thanks to a container deposit scheme that has been operating successfully for over 30 years, South Australians currently recycle more than 80 per cent of their recyclable containers seeing the virtual disappearance of container litter.
- New data shows the national the recycling rate of beverage containers is about 40% - down from the 48% claimed in the Packaging Regulatory Impact Statement. It's the biggest problem in packaging.
- The failure to do a financial analysis that reveals the financial impacts on industry and consumers, when previous research has shown CDS will cost half a cent a container.
- The failure of the RIS to include the financial benefits of more jobs and extra non-container materials going to CDS drop-off centres.
- The RIS treats theoretical industry options such as more bins and advertising as having the same validity as proven schemes such as a CDS. A major problem also found by ABARE in its peer review of the RIS.

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- CDS is the only way to quickly and sustainably remove an extra 4 billion beverage containers a year from the litter and landfill streams and build a network of recycling depots around Australia.
- The best container recycling system in the world will only cost half a cent a container and environment ministers should stop doing studies and implement it.
- Every day the Commonwealth delays a national container deposits system another 9 million recyclable beverage containers go into landfill.
- A National Container Deposit Scheme will double the recycling rate, clean up the litter, create jobs and reduce pollution and provide a system for better waste management for other goods, such as e-waste and batteries.

I do hope my voice will help to make a difference.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Suzanne', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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