

Submission to
 Standing Committee on Environment
 + Water Secretariat.

c/- Senator the Hon Don Farrell,
 Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability
 and Urban Water.
 Parliament House, Canberra ACT,
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I wish to make the following submission
 in relation to a national container deposit
 scheme, similar to the container deposit scheme
 that exists in South Australia for the following
 reasons.

1. a container deposit scheme will lead to
 a cleaner environment, cans, bottle and
 other containers litter the landscape, particularly
 roads, streets and open spaces. S.A. has a
 clean + orderly environment free of containers.
2. will be a cost saving for councils, RMA
 staff + others who are now being paid to pick
 up cans and containers littering public roads,
 streets and parks.
3. Children and older residents would benefit
 financially by being paid to return all
 empty containers to a designated recycling
 depot. Other people would also participate,

4. much of the land fill space in council areas especially those in rural areas is taken up by containers being dumped in and around the designated sites.

5. The scheme has worked successfully in South Australia and now the Northern Territory for a number of years, creating a clean and tidy environment for those states, with a financial return given to collectors and a huge cost saving to all the Shires and councils of those areas, together with other government debts involved in keeping roads and public areas clean.

Unless and until each State has a container deposit scheme the landscape will continue to be littered with disused containers and packaging, and landfills overloaded unnecessarily with disused containers. The Bay Shire operates a cardboard and paper recycling scheme, this in itself has gone a long way towards saving the local landfill space for non-recyclable litter.

With a container deposit scheme, the life of all of the Rural Council landfill areas (tips) would be greatly extended, at a large cost saving to each these within N.S.W and other States.

I would ask that consideration be given to implementing a Container Deposit Scheme on either a National or State by State basis as soon as possible for the above reasons. I noted cans and bottles floating to the banks of Murrumbidgee during flood recently.

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