**Subject:** National Container Deposit Scheme

I am writing to comment on the proposed Container Deposit Scheme, which needs to be implemented without further delay.

Without a CDS it is unlikely that the recycling rate of containers will improve.  In fact, the rate has been trending **down** with the previous rate of 48% now diminishing to 40%.

The CDS is the only viable 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.  Recycling depots that bring more jobs as well as the recovery of valuable material.

Research has shown that the  best container recycling system in the world will only cost half a cent a container.  It's time that our 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.**

Let's turn waste into resources and jobs, instead of problems for future generations.

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