***Ministry for Environment***

**Subject: Container Deposit Scheme**

Lane Cove 29th 2012

Dear Sir / Madam,

I write to lodge my strong support for an overdue National Container Deposit Scheme (CDS).

As far as the question about whether the introduction of a CDS should be considered there is really only one argument. Does the introduction of a container deposit scheme improve recycling? The answer to this question is a resounding yes, whether this is SA or any part of the world where a container deposit scheme is in operation.

The time for unproductive arguing about the cost benefit analysis is over, especially when these analysis are misleading and do not include the cost to the environment. Industry must bear responsibility for delaying the introduction. Delay is unwarranted as cost to industry has been shown to be minimal. How can we delay decisions for another day when we consider the fact that we throw away 10 billion recyclable dink containers annually? How did it ever get to this tragic point and why was the scheme ever discontinued?

Today’s community research demonstrates that Australians are ready to embrace such a scheme. The scheme will without a doubt double the recycling rate and thereby have a serious positive impact on the environment.

It is almost unthinkable that between the times I write this letter and the time it will reach your office, 1 day, another 9 million recyclable containers will go to landfill or end up as litter in the environment.

Australians and their leaders must not be misled by industry for another day, they must act now.

Yours Sincerely,

Sjirk Bangma