**Subject:** Support for a National Container Deposit Scheme

I would like to state my strong support for a National Container Deposit Scheme, and bring the following points to your attention:

         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.

         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.

During the last three years more than **20 billion recyclable containers have gone to landfill** unnecessarily. Let’s stop wasting time adding to the waste.

Thank you.

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