**Subject:** Submission re Packaging Impacts Consultation RIS

I am very pleased that investigation and consultation is taking place regarding reduction of the impacts of packaging.

To be effective, reduction and recycling of packaging must involve both the creators and the end users of the packaging. This is to create a situation where:

1. The minimum amount of packaging is used

2. The packaging is designed and manufactured in a way that allows for recycling

3. Users have incentives and opportunities to return the packaging materials for recycling  
  
Therefore a multi-faceted approach is required.

Of the options listed at least two will be required. I see these as being:

1. A Mandatory Container Deposit Scheme (CDS),

This has been proven to be effective in South Australia for many years, reducing litter and resulting in the highest recovery rate in Australia.

It also is unique in effectively employing the whole community as part-time recycling collectors with coverage that extends to the limits of where people go - something that is impossible to achieve by professional or industry organised collectors at any cost.

There is also an economic benefit in the growth of small scale recycling enterprises - beneficiaries are often clubs such as Scouts and those who lack skills or capital to get into most other business enterprises. i.e. it helps poor people.

2. Extended Product Stewardship Scheme

To legislate, encourage and coordinate the efforts of producers of products and packaging to bear responsibility for the management of packaging waste - similar to the European Directives mentioned in the RIS.

The CDS would become one strategy referenced by the scheme.

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