

# PALERANG COUNCIL



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Dear Sir/Madam

## **Re: Consultation Regulation Impact Statement**

A CDS has been operating in South Australia for more than 30 years, and South Australians currently recycle more than 80 per cent of their recyclable containers. This has seen the virtual disappearance of container litter.

Palerang Council supports the the LGSA campaign for Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) and introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) for Australia for the following reasons

- 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 (RIS). 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.

This, the best container recycling system in the world, will only cost half a cent a container and it is time for environment ministers to stop doing studies and implement it.

Every day the Commonwealth delays a national CDS, another 9 million recyclable beverage containers go into landfill.

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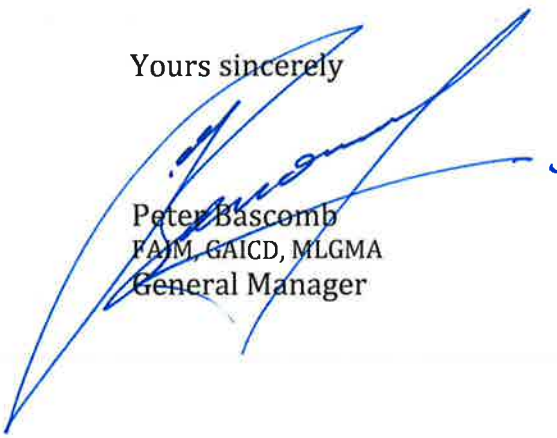
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A National CDS will double the recycling rate, clean up the litter, create jobs and reduce pollution, as well as providing a system for better waste management for other goods, such as e-waste and batteries.

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. In the last three years alone, while we have continued to talk about the need for a CDS, more than 20 billion recyclable containers have gone to landfill unnecessarily. There is no time to waste.

Thank you for the opportunity to make a submission on this important issue.

Yours sincerely



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