

To The Inquiry

I live on the Merri Creek in inner Melbourne. Every few months the whole neighbourhood gets together, dons gloves, wields massive rubbish bags and attempts to free the choked creek from tonnes of rubbish, mostly drink bottle containers. Our kids help us do this. And what's the message? It's obviously not OK to throw away your rubbish. It's better to put it in a bin where it can become much tidier and less dangerous rubbish. Failing that someone else will pick it up and put it in a bin for you.

When I was a kid we spent lots of time collecting cans as part of community clean-ups and our reward was to take them to the recycling centre and getting our bit of pocket money for our hard and dirty work. We were all happy. I'd like to similarly reward the kids of our community and give those throwing their rubbish away an incentive to think twice about it. We know it's a system that works to tidy our streets and waterways.

Please bring the 10 cent drink deposit back.

Regards, Tosca Looby