SUBMISSION TO THE SENATE COMMITTEE EXAMANING THE ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION (BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT AND RECOVERY SCHEME) BILL 2009

My submission is in support of the introduction of the above mentioned Bill. I have coordinated Clean Up Australia Day in our township of Tyers since its inception. At the conclusion of the annual cleanup, the coordinator is required to survey a representative amount of rubbish collected and report the findings to the Clean Up Australia organizing committee. Without exception, our survey has found beverage containers to be the major item in the assessment.

I am aware that South Australia has a container deposit scheme and that this is not such a problem in that State.

I believe that if such a scheme as exists in South Australia was introduced nationally, this would go a long way towards addressing our litter problems.

I strongly urge you to support and pass the Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and recovery Scheme) Bill 2009.

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