

Committee Secretary
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Re: Inquiry into the Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009

Dear Madam/Sir

I wish to provide a brief submission to the Senate Inquiry on a national drink container deposit scheme.

I strongly believe that the introduction of a container deposit scheme will provide significant environmental, financial and social benefits. Waste from packaging is a significant environmental problem in all parts of the country. To recycle this waste, preventing litter and landfill, will provide environmental and community benefit. The use of recycled container packaging will then reduce demand on raw resources, with many flow-on impacts including reduction in water use and carbon emissions- both of highest priority in today's society.

I urge you to consider the strong evidence that supports the introduction of this scheme.

Yours Sincerely

Adele Pedder