

Dear representatives,

Colleen Hartland's private member's bill for a 10c returnable deposit on all disposable drink containers in Victoria passed the Upper House on Wednesday 24 June. I ask you to please support the bill which will help do the following:

- 1) it would lift recycling rates from 49% to 83%
  - 2) 25% of litter would be eliminated
  - 3) kerbside recycling would benefit from reduced glass contamination and increased value of the recyclables
  - 4) local councils in Victoria would save \$15.2 million
  - 5) community groups would get a valuable new source of income
  - 6) Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions would be reduced by over 350,000 tonnes
  - 7) enough water would be saved to supply over 12,500 homes
  - 8) 300-400 new green jobs would be created
  - 9) recycling services would be offered to areas and businesses that currently have none
  - 10) 50% of drink containers are consumed outside the home, and this scheme would provide recycling incentives for these
- the scheme pays for itself - unclaimed deposits will cover administration
- 11) 94% of Victorians support a container deposit scheme

Regards,  
Tim Oseckas