

Re: BEVERAGE CONTAINER DEPOSIT AND RECOVERY SCHEME BILL 2009

I am writing in support of the above Bill.

This Bill will create a national scheme for recycling the 10 billion drinks containers Australians throw away each year through a 10c returnable deposit on all drink bottles, cans and cartons.

Some of the key benefits of the scheme include:

- Savings to rate payers of over \$59.8 million a year
- Raising up to \$90 million in government revenue
- Creating hundreds of green jobs
- Decreasing litter by 12-15%
- Increasing recycling of drink containers from 50% to 80%
- Diverting more than 740,000 tonnes from landfill
- Reducing national greenhouse gas emissions by more than 1.3 million tonnes of CO₂ each year - the equivalent of switching 197,000 homes to renewable energy
- Improving air quality to the equivalent of taking 140,000 cars off the roads

I believe this bill just makes a lot of common sense and addresses part of the problems we are facing relating to waste, landfill, depletion of natural resources and biodiversity. Obviously it is not a panacea but it is part of the solution.

The basic tenet of sustainable living is reduce, reuse, recycle. This bill will help with one part of this and I see a great many positives with this initiative.

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