

# BOROUGH OF QUEENSCLIFFE



Our Ref: QG182-01-09

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29 July 2009

The Secretary  
Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts  
PO Box 6100  
Parliament House  
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Senate Committee

## **CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEMES**

At its Ordinary Meeting on the 20 May 2009, the Borough of Queenscliffe Council resolved to:

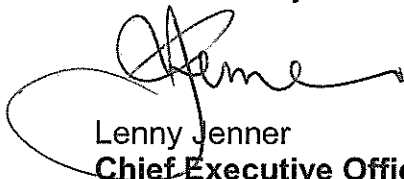
- 1. Support the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria, or throughout Australia.*
- 2. Write to the State and Federal Environment Ministers to urge them to implement a Container Deposit Scheme, because of the financial, social and environmental benefits.*
- 3. Actively promote the issue in the community.*

In this context the Borough of Queenscliffe Council is supporting the directions of the Committee in calling for the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme throughout Australia.

Attached for your information is the Motion on Notice from the Minutes of the Borough of Queenscliffe Council meeting which provides the background to this resolution.

Please contact me on (03) 5258 1377 or [lenny.jenner@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au](mailto:lenny.jenner@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au) if you have any questions regarding this correspondence.

Yours faithfully



Lenny Jenner  
**Chief Executive Officer**

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cc: Darren Cheeseman, MP



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**6.2 Motion Number: 2009/500  
Container Deposit Schemes (CDS)**

*In accordance with the Borough of Queenscliffe Local Law No. 1, 2000 notice was received by the Chief Executive Officer of the following motion on Thursday 23 April 2009.*

**Background**

The concept behind Container Deposit Schemes (“**CDS**”) is that the consumer pays a deposit on certain beverage containers that is refunded when the container is returned to a collection deposit site.

Container Deposit Schemes have been adopted by a range of jurisdictions across Canada, Europe and the United States and shown to deliver a range of benefits.

Recently the South Australian CDS scheme was increased from 5c to 10c deposit, and the range of containers broadened. 19 million additional containers were returned in the first three months of the new scheme.

The Northern Territory announced a container deposit scheme on 11 March 2009. CDS Legislation is before parliament in Victoria and New South Wales, and the Commonwealth Parliament.

Currently ratepayers contribute a disproportionate amount to kerbside recycling costs while the packaging industry’s contribution is minimal. CDS addresses this imbalance by capturing away from home beverage consumption, while bolstering the economic viability of kerbside recycling.

A stand-alone Victorian scheme could be fully funded from additional funds generated by unredeemed deposits (as it is funded in California).

This motion also indicates support for a national scheme, which would include Victoria.



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*I, Cr. Lloyd Davies, hereby give notice that I intend to move the following motion at the Borough of Queenscliffe Council Meeting to be held on Wednesday 20 May 2009:*

**Councillors: Davies/Mitchell**

**That Council resolve to:**

- 1. Support the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria, or throughout Australia.**
- 2. Write to the State and Federal Environment Ministers to urge them to implement a Container Deposit Scheme, because of the financial, social and environmental benefits.**
- 3. Actively promote the issue in the community.**

**Carried**