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### Re: Inquiry into Container Deposit Schemes

As the peak conservation body for South Australia, the Conservation Council of South Australia (Conservation Council SA) welcomes the opportunity to comment on the Inquiry into Container Deposit Schemes.

Conservation Council SA is an independent, non-profit and strictly non-party political organisation representing around 50 of South Australia's environment and conservation organisations and their supporters. Conservation Council SA has developed a comprehensive view of environment policy in "South Australia in a Changing Climate: A Blueprint for a Sustainable Future"<sup>1</sup>. This document sets out, at a strategic level, policy positions in six key environmental areas, including waste issues.

The Conservation Council of SA is very supportive of South Australia's Container Deposit Scheme. We consider it a highly effective piece of legislation that encourages the recycling and allows South Australia to produce high volumes of quality clean recyclate. This has helped the state develop an extensive reprocessing industry with 80% of recycling materials processed locally. The success of the Container Deposit Scheme in Adelaide is proof that such schemes are an effective measure to reduce landfill and litter, encourage recycling and promote more sustainable use of resources. We believe that the scheme could be extended to include a wider range of containers.

*I would also be happy to meet with you or your representatives to discuss these matters in more detail.*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.conservationsa.org.au/blueprint.html>

Yours sincerely

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