

Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009

I wanted to say we need container deposits in all states, at a minimum covering everything under the container deposit scheme in South Australia. I am a member of a member group of the nature conservation council of NSW, not a professional but a disabled pensioner. We had a group called the Waste crisis network that became the zero waste network - just members of the community. We met for 14 years but now we have an oz refunds yahoo group site that we communicate on and a zero waste network yahoo group site.

Can this be a submission? It has been recommended by the Sustainable Futures Institute of the University of Technology that we have container deposits nationally with a refund of 10 cents at a minimum. We could have a resource recovery rate and increase the recycling rate of at least 88%, as in South Australia. In NSW out-source recovery rates are lower than South Australia. This will stop the impact on the environment from becoming negative as it is now. This was something recommended by the OECD and the Rio Summit before the Johannesburg summit. We could have take back machines in stores.

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