

Dear Senator

It's not often that we have the opportunity to make a worthwhile contribution to our environment, especially when at nil cost to the taxpayer. Cash rebates on drink containers would achieve a self cleaning street management, that when drink containers are discarded in a public place the drink container that will have value will be collected and cashed in ,without any prompting, and should it not be the purchaser that cashes in the container then it will provide a source of income for those people who make themselves available in recovering the drink container where this opportunity did not exist before.

This system of recycling is not new. North America has been using this system of container collection for cash for years and has proven to be successful.

Benefits would include:

A new source of income for people collecting the drink containers. Street scape would improve immediately with the disappearance of the drink containers. General population would embrace the recycling concept with out drawing from government resources.

Private consortiums would become involved even to the extent of providing depot machines to ensure that the business comes through them. Imagine no more drink container s littering the streets, water ways and storm water drains and outlets. The positives greatly out weigh any negative aspects of this dink container levy.

Minor disadvantages that may occur as shown in the American model is that poor or homeless people walk the streets with shopping trolleys to collect cans and household recycle bins on the night before collection will be rifled for any salvageable drink containers. Don't disappoint the community, show a clear sighted vision of the future and approve the implementation of the recycle/rebate plan.

Yours sincerely ,  
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