



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

23 July 2009

Dear Secretary,

Re: Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Inquiry

I write to give support from the Darebin City Council for the introduction of a national container deposit scheme.

At Council's meeting of 6 April 2009, the following motion was passed:

THAT Council support the introduction of a container deposit scheme in Victoria, or throughout Australia, actively promote this position in the community, and write to State and Federal Environment Ministers to urge them to implement such a scheme.

At that time Council forwarded letters to the Ministers concerned, promoting the implementation of a container deposit scheme. Council has recently resolved that this should be affirmed in writing to the Senate Inquiry.

We support the introduction and implementation of a national container deposit scheme that:

- supports the principles of the National Packaging Covenant and Extended Producer Responsibility
- does not add additional costs to the community nor duplicate infrastructure
- is accompanied by a rigorous economic analysis which incorporates the impact on local government fixed and variable costs associated with kerbside recycling, landfills and littering.

Yours sincerely

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