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Submission to the Inquiry into the Management of Australia's Waste Streams.

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This submission focuses on point (f) of the Inquiry which is "consideration of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008" however is also relevant to points (a) to (e). I represent the views of those who have participated in Clean up Australia Day at Tyers since the Clean up's inception. Beverage containers have made up a large proportion of the rubbish collected over that entire period and it is noteworthy that neither the volume nor ratio of containers to other rubbish has decreased over that period. If anything, it has increased. A container deposit system such as that operating successfully in South Australia would go a long way towards redressing this situation. We urge you to legislate, without delay, for a deposit of at least ten cents per container to help manage this waste stream . If the experience in SA is any guide, a substantial reduction is to be expected as a result.