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The Secretary
The Senate Standing Committee on Environment
Communication and the Arts
P.O. Box 6100
Parliament House
CANBERRA ACT 2600

Dear Sir,

**Inquiry into the Management of Australia's waste streams and
the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008**

Southern Waste Strategy Authority (SWSA) has over the years developed a number of policies in regards to solid waste disposal on behalf of our shareholders, the 12 Councils in Southern Tasmania. In 2006 SWSA developed its own proposed National Waste Management Policy for Australia. A number of the issues canvassed in that paper seem germane to this Inquiry. A copy of the extracts which have relevance are attached.

It will be seen from the attachment that SWSA supports a National Extended Producer Responsibility approach incorporating Advanced Deposit Fees.

While we accept that CDL may be of some value in certain circumstances, we regard it as merely a band aid solution to a major waste issue.

SWSA would urge the Standing Committee to have regard to the broader issues involved and not recommend acceptance of the Drink Container Recycling Bill 2008 but recommend to the Parliament, that the Government pursue a National EPR approach involving the use of ADFs to improve the management of Australia's waste streams.

SWSA would be happy to provide further information if required or give evidence at public hearings.

Yours faithfully

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