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To: Committee, ECA (SEN)

Subject: Container Deposit Legislation

I am writing to you in the hope that our views will be taken into consideration and will in some way help with the introduction of Container Deposit Legislation similar to that found in SA and some other countries around the world.

As a mother of a Primary School Student - I have helped students and their families with various Weed Buster and Clean Up Australia events near my home in Gladysdale, Victoria. I have been appalled at the huge amount of litter we have cleaned up in our quiet little hamlet - in particular, at the number of discarded drinks containers that litter our roadsides and find their way into our river and mar the beauty of our picnic spots and walking trails. The boundary to my property is the Little Yarra River, and I regularly have to clean up beer bottles and other drink containers left by people who come to picnic or fish on Crown Land. This then spurred me on to suggest to our local CWA Branch that we pledge our support to a campaign begun by AFROCAB (Australians For Refunds On Cans and Bottles). Our Branch and then our Yarra Valley Group voted unanimously to take a resolution to CWA State Conference urging the introduction of Container Deposit Legislation. We are not only concerned about the social and community effects of the growing problem with litter from drinks containers - but we appreciate the wider implications of the effects on the environment, tourism and with small businesses and industry. Next week, I will be speaking at Melbourne Town Hall and urging all CWA Branches to vote that Federal and State governments introduce CDL. I look forward to the day when a litter clean up by the Little Yarra River in Gladysdale - means that children from the local primary school are finally rewarded for their efforts - **financially**, and to the great benefit of our wonderful school community.

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