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I wish to make a submission on behalf of my company, Asset Industries Australia with respect to the current committee of inquiry in relation to the management of Australia's waste streams.

The focus of my submission relates to the recycling of drink container products that are so popularly used and deposited in a manner that is not conducive to sound environmental and social practice.

Asset Industries is facility a management company and therefore it is the cognisance of the fact that sound practice involves sound environmental strategies.

It is proposed that throughout metropolitan and regional and high pedestrian traffic areas that a form of managing our waste stream is through the installation of automated collection and handling system depots (otherwise called kiosks). The idea is to locate such kiosks in areas that attract pedestrian traffic and will be able to operate in a manner in which citizens can deposit there unused containers whether plastic or glass and aluminium in this automated depot (kiosk). By depositing the containers whether plastic, glass or metal they are automatically collated in such a manner that they can be collected from these kiosks in a very economic and streamline manner. That is that they will already be dumped into a larger waste bin that can be easily removed from the kiosk without creating any other unsightly mess.

It is proposed that these kiosks can be independently operated and whilst they have an environmental benefit they can also help in creating businesses in which Australian citizens can enjoy and have the benefit of creating employment opportunities.

The simple process of these depots would also be self funding by the following means:

- (a) they can be underwritten by local government or shopping centres and education departments; and

- (b) the can also be utilised as advertising boards similar to what is happening to bus and tram shelters where advertising space is offered.

These units are also mobile and therefore could be adopted at major public events where they can be strategically located at the event in such a manner as to ensure that the collection and handling of these containers is done in a very efficient and effective manner. Furthermore, this can be a revenue raising facility in particular by being sponsored by one of the major soft drink groups or bottle groups.

In summary, Asset Industries is of the view that these automated recycling kiosks enable a highly efficient system for recycling consumer products and minimising the environmental impact they may occur if such centrally located kiosks are not available.

The capacity of these kiosks is enormous and our research in Europe suggests the following:

- (a) up to 620,000 people can enjoy the patronage of 1 kiosk; and
(b) the capacity of such kiosk per month is in the range of 350,000 kilos.

Our research demonstrates that they are popular and that they have the capacity to hold large volume of recyclable products. The dimensions of this kiosk are approximately 7 – 14 metres in width with a height of approximately 3.6 metres.

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Best regards,



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