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SUBMISSION TO THE ENQUIRY INTO THE MANAGEMENT OF AUSTRALIA'S WASTE STREAMS

This submission chiefly relates to the enormous environmental cost of producing aluminium cans (large quantities of electricity; in Victoria generated hundreds of kilometers from the power station, so also much electricity is lost by the resistance of the wires, before it reaches the smelter). Thus it is vital (and good business sense) that any consumer items, such as drink cans, are recycled for remelting, rather than corroding away in the environment and thus lost to the community. This increased rate of recycling will assist the aluminium industry which is in danger of being closed down in this country due to its high Greenhouse Gas emissions, so Container Deposit Legislation can only assist the viability of this industry.

It is thus important that refunds be available (post-Container Deposits) as an incentive for individuals and clubs to return containers for recycling, and to be rewarded for doing so.

Also, please consider the following newspaper articles concerning me and my concerns. (See attached page); especially the article titled "Push for deposits on cans" and the social benefits of the Container Deposit scheme, so members of the public will enthusiastically manage Australia's waste streams.

Thank you; Graeme Eadie

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