

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like to add to the submission I lodged earlier this week.

I would like the Committee to consider the situation here in Alice Springs. There is no form of municipal recycling here. Limited recycling consists of small business owner Russ Driver and Co, who (upon request) delivers 44 gallon drums to people's houses and collects them when they're filled with either glass bottles or aluminium cans. Mr Driver crushes the aluminium cans and glass bottles and sends them to Adelaide for further processing. This is a costly exercise for Mr Driver, who essentially collects the glass as a community service, as he barely breaks even. The local community is receptive to recycling yet there are no drivers from any level of government in supporting recycling in Alice Springs.

Alice Springs is a tourist town and the capital of Central Australia. The Arid Lands Environment Centre (ALEC) has trialled small-scale Container Deposit schemes and found that recycling rates increased and litter was reduced. Central Australia needs the Drink Container Recycling Bill. This will encourage people in remote communities and Alice Springs to recycle what currently ends in landfill and appropriately redistribute responsibility of waste to the producer.

Kind Regards

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