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**To:** Committee, ECA (SEN)

**Subject:** Submission to the Inquiry into the Management of Australia"s Waste Streams.

From: Rachel M. Dempster

Dear Sir,

This submission's focus is on Point (f) of the Inquiry which is "Consideration of the Drink Container Bill 2008." However it is relevant to Points (a) to (e).

Litter is a major problem. Recycling in our City is ineffective as it does not deal with the huge problem of roadside and streamside and lakeside litter outside our country towns- litter which is so obvious and unsightly, so wasteful and a health risk.

Without an incentive, discarding litter has become a National habit without conscience.

A return on empty containers,as it used to be,and as it currently is in South Australia, provides the incentive to return the containers, provides income for voluntary groups ,such as the Scouts and saves the horrific waste in materials and labour by recycling bottles,cans,etc. All these in addition to a return to a beautiful unsullied landscape.

It would save power and water ,too,used in the manufacture of millions of new containers,which would not now be required with the recycling of the presently discarded containers.

The introduction of Container Deposit Legislation can only benefit our Community,socially and environmentally.

I appeal to the Committee to pass this legislation.Our research shows that the whole Community wants it. .