

Attachment F: Coopers Brewery Ltd correspondence in support of Container Deposits



14 January 2005

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Dear Jeff

I write in response to your letter of 17th November. Coopers Brewery is a member of BIEC (to which we contribute through the purchasing of packaging materials), and are signatories to the National Packaging Covenant. We believe that the latter does make meaningful contributions to the recycling of the packaging materials, and raising community awareness of the issues involved. Nonetheless, I am also a strong supporter of the Container Deposit Legislation that has been in operation in this State for 30 years, and I personally would support its extension to include such other beverage containers such as wine bottles to expand its role from anti-litter to material recovery. I am a Director of the Marine Stores which is one of the supercollectors under the Legislation.

South Australia has an established collection system as well as a culture of beverage container recycling. It would be expensive to establish CDL depots throughout Australia. The burden of this infrastructure could be placed to some degree on the retailer, but is more likely to be an onus on the brand owner without a substantial part being State governments.

I believe that Kerbside recycling systems are compatible with CDL, as the value of the deposits is used to offset the cost of kerbside collection. The combination of both systems probably helps to boost the rate of return of packaging material.

I believe that you should continue your efforts to lobby the other States and Territories to promote recycling of all materials, including beverage containers, as well as education in the area of anti-littering. The extension of container collection should allow better decisions to be made about the efficacy and life-cycle viability of different packaging materials. We would be happy to cooperate with the application of whatever systems implemented in the other States and Territories, as long as they achieve the key objectives of recycling all materials regardless of product, and prevention of litter in all its forms.

With best wishes for your endeavours.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Tim Cooper". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Tim" being larger and more prominent than the last name "Cooper".

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cc The Hon John Hill; Dr Paul Vogel

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