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To: Committee, ECA (SEN)

Subject: Submission to the inquiry into the management of Australia's waste streams

I hope I am not too late to have some input into the above inquiry.

I would like to support the section of the inquiry that deals with the proposal to put a deposit on drink containers and cans. I am a member of a Landcare group and we make sure our roadside is kept clean of weeds and litter. Drink bottles and cans are our major source of litter and we would pick many up each week. Having a refund attached to them would help reduce this litter problem as people would be less inclined to discard them. We could also get some reimbursement for our Landcare group by returning the bottles and cans. Apart from the visual aspect of the litter problem, it is also important to introduce further measures to encourage recycling to reduce landfill and the waste of energy and resources spent on making new bottles and cans.

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