

Committee Secretary

Senate Standing Committee on Environment, Communications and the Arts

Re: Inquiry into the Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme) Bill 2009

Dear Madam/Sir

I would like to make a submission to the inquiry into the Environment Protection Bill (10 cent deposit on drink containers).

It is unfortunate that a monetary incentive is needed to entice the population into better recycling habits, rather than disposing of their beverage containers (water bottles, cans, beer bottles and other beverage containers one finds on the beach, in the bush, in the waterways, on the footpaths, on the roads etc) in an environmentally friendly manner. This, however, is a positive step should the Bill be passed and, I believe, an example of our government serving the wishes of those who elected them.

It really is time to get serious about 'cleaning up Australia' and 'taking action against litterbugs'. All the slogans, advertisements and road signage so far haven't made a huge impact, perhaps monetary reimbursement will!

Please pass this Bill so that my children will not grow up in an environment littered by bottles and cans, but learn that recycling is beneficial for the environment and for their money boxes! (I remember cashing in bags of cans we, as children, had collected and crushed. What a wonderful way to spend an afternoon/weekend.....much healthier than sitting in front of the television or the computer!)

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely  
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