Dear Senate Enquiry members,

I am writing to you to encourage you to put through legislation on the issue of deposits for containers in Australia. As a 50+ year old I am old enough to remember the time in my childhood when I used to collect empty drink bottles in order to cash them in at the local milk-bar for a little cash. What this taught me most of all was that any discarded container was not to be left lying around and was to be picked up for collection. Whilst my motive today may be a little different I believe that indirectly it kept our rivers, creeks and land basically clear of such refuse.

At the moment I live near a creek that has stormwater drains run into it and although there is not a great deal of water that runs in it at this time, there is the ubiquitous plastic bottle or discarded receptacle appearing every time it rains. What happens is that this stays there in its unsightly state until the local council picks it up eventually or the good citizens on *Clean up Australia Day* do likewise. This may not happen for 6-8 months at a time. This could easily be rectified if consumers were more thoughtful in the disposing of their refuse and a good way to get them to do this is to continually remind them that they could retrieve something back rather than just dump it anywhere.

I urge you to introduce this legislation to give our children and grandchildren a positive (and cleaner) future.

Sincerely yours,

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