

Submission regarding deposit on Beverage Containers on behalf of Andersons Creek Catchment Area Landcare Group (ACCA)

Rubbish is a big problem for our catchment area and also for many other areas. The majority of this rubbish appears to be from recyclable beverage containers.

On Clean –up Australia Day in March this year ACCA had a cleanup along 2 streets in Warrandyte a total distance of 3.5 kms. In that short distance we collected nearly 3 full trailer loads of rubbish with more than 2 loads being beverage containers. One trailer load would fill approximately 5 big wheelie bins.

During a recent walk along that section of road it is evident that a couple of wheelie bins could be filled with the containers that have been thrown there since the cleanup.

Having a deposit on these containers would provide an incentive for some of the purchasers to return them, thus creating less rubbish. A deposit would also provide an incentive for others to collect them in return for the deposit money. This occurred when there were deposits on bottles.

A deposit on beverage containers would reduce the amount of rubbish in public places.