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Date:

Dear Minister,

I support the introduction of a 10c refundable deposit on bottles and cans to clean up litter and increase recycling in Tasmania. Newspolls results (conducted in Nov 2013) show that I am not alone – 95% of Tasmanians agree.

As you know container deposits have operated successfully in South Australia for nearly 40 years and they are effective in over 40 places around the world. Cash for Containers has led to a significant increase in recycling rates in the Northern Territory in its first three years.

The NSW Government has also introduced Cash for Containers – beginning in December 2017. Queensland, Western Australia, and the ACT have also announced that they will be introducing Cash for Containers in early 2018 and early 2019, respectively. I want Tasmania and Victoria to be part of a harmonised east coast Container Deposit System.

I support a modern, efficient, convenient and low-cost container deposit system. The social and economic benefits include more jobs in local resource recovery and a new source of income for charities. The environmental benefits are enormous with less plastic and other pollution in our waterways, parks and roadsides.

Local councils in the city and country can also benefit from Cash for Containers.

I call on you to introduce a 10c refundable deposit on bottles and cans in TASMANIA – to reduce the litter and increase the recycling of beverage containers.

Yours sincerely,