The Hon Steven Miles

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Date:

Dear Minister,

I want to thank you for announcing that your government will introduce a 10c refundable deposit on bottles and cans in 2018 to clean up litter and increase recycling in Queensland. This is fantastic news and Newspoll results (Nov 2013) show that I am not alone in celebrating – 85% of Queenslanders agree that we need Cash for Containers.

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.

The NSW Government’s announcement that they will introduce Cash for Containers in July 2017 is great news. I am so glad to hear that Western Australia will join with South Australia and NT to create a harmonised Container Deposit System across more than half of Australia. If we can only get Victoria and Tasmania on board we will have a national Container Deposit System – which is what the community wants. I hope Queensland can lead the way by pushing for a world class system.

I look forward to the release of a Public Discussion Paper so that I can have input on the design of the new Queensland system. As you are no doubt aware, there is widespread community support for a modern, efficient, convenient and low-cost container deposit system. The social and economic benefits of a well-designed system 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 commend you for announcing that you intend to introduce a 10c refundable deposit on bottles and cans in Queensland – to reduce the litter and increase the recycling of beverage containers - and look forward to hearing further details.

Yours sincerely,

Signature

Print Name

Address (including postcode)