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Container Deposits: Will Tasmania be the last State to Introduce?

Container Deposit Schemes (CDS) operate or are about to be introduced in most States and Territories in Australia. South Australia has had a scheme in place since 1977, and only two states, Victoria and Tasmania, are yet to introduce a scheme.

With Victoria (and other States) losing the China market for its contaminated recycled plastics and needing to consider a CDS which produces clean material -will Tasmania be the last State to act?

‘We asked the four key political parties contesting the election if they would introduce a CDS in Tasmania and only the Greens gave the commitment to do so. Both the Liberals and the ALP are investigating but gave no commitments to introduce a scheme. The JLN did not respond to our questions,’ said Jeff Angel, Director of the Boomerang Alliance of 47 groups.

‘There are over 40 CDS in operation around the world and all demonstrate that they slash litter and increase recycling of containers and they provide jobs and benefits to community organisations interested in collecting cans and bottles.’

‘For community organisations like Scouts in Tasmania, a CDS is a no-brainer. If they collect used drink containers they stand to make significant funding for our Federation, and contribute to a cleaner Tasmania.’

‘Scouts in South Australia receive \$2.8 million every year from the proceeds of container collections’, said Jeff Angel



Facts and Figures





- About 300 million drinks containers are used in Tasmania every year (based upon a population average consumption) – only 30% are recycled with most landfilled or littered. In South Australia about 80% are collected for recycling
- According to Clean Up Australia 58.7% of litter was packaging in 2017 with drink containers a large proportion. In the ocean plastics break up into microplastics lasting hundreds of years.
- A CDS is popular with the public, particularly in Tasmania. The national average support is 85% - in Tasmania it is over 90% (Newspoll 2013)
- A best practice CDS runs itself without funding from the State Government and will complement local government kerbside collections (LGAT 2013)
- Based on the SA CDS, community groups could raise an estimated \$4M from donated containers every year

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We asked four political parties contesting the election about their policies on Container deposits.

TASMANIAN ELECTION				
Which political parties are acting on Container Deposits?				
	Liberals	ALP	Greens	JLN
Support a Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) for drink containers in Tasmania	 Will investigate CDS but no commitment to introduce a scheme	 Will investigate CDS but no commitment to introduce a scheme	 Support for a CDS and its introduction into Tasmania	 No policy announcements
	 = good, supported policy	 = positive support but lacking policy	 = no known policy response	