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New Zealand will be even greener with bottle refunds

The Boomerang Alliance and its 49 national, state and local groups today congratulated the New Zealand government on its announcement that refundable drink bottle deposits will be introduced.

“It’s a proven scheme to massively reduce litter and increase recycling so that the environment, communities, charities and the economy benefit,” said Boomerang director, Jeff Angel.

“Container deposit schemes are being progressively introduced across Australia creating thousands of jobs and doubling the recycling rate with billions of drink bottles and cans returned in less than two years. It’s a true version of the circular economy delivering big gains in a short time.”

“Best practice design of the scheme will be important and there are some key lessons to be learnt from our experience, particularly in regards to governance, accountability, transparency, consumer access and beverage type coverage. New Zealand should aim for the best,” Mr Angel said.