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## **VICTORIA – CONGRATS - AUSTRALIA NOW A CDS NATION**

Victoria's decision to implement a container deposit scheme makes Australia the first continent on the planet to be fully covered by a drink bottle and can refund scheme. That means we can finally get drink container litter under control and further power up high value recycling, the Boomerang Alliance of 51 environment groups said today.

"It's been a long time coming but the inclusion of Victoria with its major drink consumption and recycling sectors is a very significant move. The state has also the advantage of adopting the best practice lessons from other states who have introduced the CDS in recent years," said Boomerang Director, Jeff Angel.

"While the basic elements of eligible containers and the 10cent refund value are set by needing to harmonise with the other states to prevent disrupting interstate trade – there are the key elements of consumer convenience, clear governance and commitment to maximum recycling and sufficient implementation time. NSW has some good lessons here."

"The scheme relies on the participation of the community who pay the initial 10cent refund and we have heard a clear message from them that they value convenience of access to redemption points and credible architecture to manage the scheme. There's a very large amount of money generated by the scheme and it is essential any perception of conflict of interest by managers is avoided," Mr Angel said.

"We look forward to this announcement being followed by further progressive policies setting the state on the path to a circular economy where disposed resources are instead recycled again and again."