

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO HELP US WIN THE BEST POSSIBLE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SYSTEM?

- Sign the statement of support
- Send it to other organisations
- Contact your local MP to let them know how important it is for Victoria to get a Container Deposit System we can be proud of.

If you want to further discuss a Container Deposit System, email our Victorian Campaigner at annett.finger@boomerangalliance.org.au

In December 2017, NSW will commence a CDS. Queensland and WA are set to follow in 2018. Soon, Victoria will be the only mainland state without a cash for container scheme. Victoria - stop waiting and start acting!

WE CAN HAVE A SYSTEM THAT WILL:

- Dramatically increase recycling
- Greatly reduce container litter and help keep our environment clean
- Give community organisations significant fundraising opportunities

Community organisations can help give us the best possible Container Deposit System by signing on the statement of support and contacting their local MP.

Community organisations have a number of opportunities to participate in a CDS to secure a long term and sustainable revenue base for their important work.



WHAT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NON PROFIT ORGANISATIONS?

1. Collecting recyclable material for refunds

Like South Australia, busy households that are happy to forgo their 10c deposit, can choose to donate their deposit to charities who offer to regularly collect their beverage containers. Similarly pubs and cafes could use this charity collection service. Charities that could benefit heavily from running this type of service are youth and welfare orientated organisations with transport equipment, such as: Disability employment providers (e.g. Wesley Mission, Wise Employment), welfare agencies (Mission Australia and the Salvo's), faith groups, schools and sports clubs.

2. Receiving donations from Reverse Vending Machine (RVM) deposits

The extensive use of RVMs creates options for people to choose from to support their favourite charity by donating the deposit when they return their containers. (Arrangement for selected charity to be made with RVM operator).

3. Donations from businesses

Pubs and cafes that pass on the deposit in their prices to consumers can then donate the proceeds to a 'charity of the month'. Sports Clubs that run canteens/kiosks/sports days selling drinks will be able to collect the empty containers to inject the refund money back into their organisation.

In South Australia these types of activities generate around \$7.5 million p.a. In the much larger Victorian population this could easily represent a boost for charities of some \$30 million p.a. Social Enterprise is well established in Australia and many already operate waste and recycling services. For example, Scouts South Australia is the largest depot operator of the CDS in that state. The operation of bulk collection facilities with handling fees is an ideal opportunity for local charities. These types of social enterprise activities benefit the community in two ways: they provide income for the groups' work and create jobs for disadvantaged job seekers in the employment market.



4. Raising money from existing clean ups

Bush regeneration, Landcare, Tidy Towns and clean up groups (e.g. Clean Up Australia, Responsible Runners, Scouts, Sports Groups, schools) can earn revenues from litter collection and setting up beverage container collection bins/cages and trailers.

5. Rental income from Reverse Vending Machines

Organisations based in high pedestrian traffic areas (e.g. Surf Clubs, Op Shops) can earn rental incomes partnering with RVM providers to locate their collection points in ideal locations.

A Container Deposit System, combined with community 'drop off' recycling facilities operated by local government or community groups, will make participation in the CDS very attractive to charities.

It is feasible that 20% of the collection network could be operated by this sector. At this level of participation it is realistic to see even more injected into the charitable sector. Boomerang Alliance estimates the total potential earning capacity for charitable organisations in Victoria to be approximately \$50 million per annum.

TOTAL: \$50 million p.a. in Victoria

1. The Harrison report (2014) to the SA EPA and Zero Waste states some 13% donate their containers. This figure is discounted by 25% to account for the fact that SA has far less redemption points so more people are 'inconvenienced' by redemption and use a charitable service when compared to the NSW approach.

