

WE NEED ...



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REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS ON BOTTLES & CANS

A refundable deposit on beverage containers means you get money back for returning empty bottles and cans to a nearby recycling depot or shop.

DID YOU KNOW ...

The NSW Government recently commissioned an Independent Inquiry into Container Deposit Legislation (CDL). The report, by Dr Stuart White from the Institute for Sustainable Futures clearly recommends that CDL be introduced in NSW, or that a system be put in place which ensures an equally high return rate of 90 per cent for beverage containers.

The NSW Government has not acted on these recommendations. The Local Government & Shires Associations, on behalf of all NSW local councils and their communities, are calling on the State Government to act on the recommendations of this Inquiry immediately. CDL or a similar system is essential to address serious ongoing litter problems and the blow-out in cost of kerbside recycling systems imposed on councils and their communities.

Please support your local council in its call for the introduction of Container Deposit Legislation.



For more information contact:

**Local Government & Shires Associations of NSW
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Container Deposit Legislation



CDL

IF YOU'RE SICK OF ...



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LITTER & WASTE

Litter and waste cost councils and ratepayers millions of dollars. But there is a way to solve these problems without costing the earth

KERBSIDE COSTS COUNCILS HEAPS!

It is commonly believed that councils make a profit selling collected materials (plastic and glass containers, aluminium cans, paper, etc).

In fact, it costs your council a great deal of money to run its kerbside recycling service.

Kerbside material is worth little compared to the huge expense of collecting it. The net cost is around \$60 per household per year (about \$100 million nationally). This is in effect just a subsidy to beverage and packaging companies that should be taking responsibility for the full life cycle of their containers.

Councils incur additional costs cleaning up beverage containers in litter, stormwater drains and traps, public waste and recycling bins, and the domestic waste stream.

All of which cost you, the ratepayer, money! But there is an alternative

Local Government is urging the State Government to introduce a refundable deposit on all beverage containers sold in NSW. Such a system, commonly known as Container Deposit Legislation (CDL), has operated very successfully in South Australia since 1978.

You have probably seen the '5 cents deposit / refund in South Australia' on drink bottles and cans.

Your council encourages you, as a member of the community, to help call for container deposits in NSW. A good way to do this is to write to the Premier, The Hon Bob Carr MP, Parliament House, Macquarie Street Sydney 2000, saying:

"Councils should not have to keep spending large amounts of community money to clean up litter and waste, and to subsidise the kerbside collection, of beverage and packaging industry material. A system of refundable deposits on beverage containers would mean a cleaner environment and less cost to the council, community, and ratepayers."

A similar letter to the media would also help.

If you have any questions about container deposits, talk to your council's Waste Officer or visit the following web sites:

- www.isf.uts.edu.au/CDL_Report/
- www.lgsa.org.au/docs/Policy/Environment/CDL/
- www.geko.net.au/~gargoyle/CDL/
- www.recyclesa.com.au/
- www.publicdebate.com.au/is/776/
- www.bottlebill.org/

With your help we may soon have a cleaner environment and an efficient and cost effective container refund system to complement council kerbside recycling services.

