



Container Deposit Scheme – Local Government Opportunities

Presentation outline

- Local Government advocacy for Container Deposit Scheme
- Benefits of the Scheme for Local Government
- Opportunities for Local Government
- Important issues for Local Government
- Timeline
- WALGA ongoing engagement and advocacy



Local Government Advocacy

- Local Government in Western Australia has been advocating for a Container Deposit Scheme for about 40 years
- Formalised position - WALGA Policy Statement on Container Deposit Scheme 2008
- National /Australian Packaging Covenant
- National consideration of Container Deposit Scheme
 - Consultation Regulatory Impact Assessment 2012

Local Government Advocacy

- 2012 Campaign – pre – election



Benefits of the Scheme for Local Government

- **Increase Resource Recovery**
 - 80% recovery rate for containers in SA (70% in NSW)
- **Reduce Litter**
 - In South Australia containers covered by the Scheme are rarely littered, in WA beverage containers make up 15 – 25% of the litter stream.
- **Better assigning of costs**
 - If you choose to consume an eligible beverage, you are paying for the cost of its recycling
 - Economic incentive to recycle

Benefits of the Scheme for Local Government

- **Kerbside benefits**
 - Reduce amount of material, but increase value of remaining
 - Less glass
 - Increased compaction in recycling vehicles
- **Other benefits**
 - Take back / personal responsibility



Opportunities for Local Government

- Host refund point
- Provide a site for Reverse vending machine
- Facilitate local community / business involvement in the Scheme – promotion, assistance and engagement



Important issues for Local Government

- Material Recovery Facility protocols
- Planning considerations – out now for comment
- Waste Local Law – important to have in place

Timeline

- **Late 2018** The Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Amendment (Container Deposit) Bill 2018 – first and second reading – this allows for the Scheme to be put in place
- Scheme Coordinator was put out to tender, closed 5 December
- Legislation passed / appointment of Scheme Coordinator – anticipate February/March 2019
- Procurement of refund Network - May/June 2019
- Appointment of refund Network – September 2019
- Scheme commences – March 2020



WALGA ongoing advocacy

Ongoing

- DWER Container Deposit Scheme Advisory Group
- WALGA CDS Policy Forum
- CDS at Events – proposals due 15 February

Coming soon

- CDS 'Dating' Website
- Scheme Coordinator
- WALGA Workshop – 13 February 2019



Questions?

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