



To: Chief Executive Officers
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Subject: Community Access to the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)

IN BRIEF:

Operational Area:	Waste Management, Community Development
Key Issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The Department of Water and Environmental Regulation (DWER) has released the draft customer service standards for the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) collection network. This document includes modelling of refund point locations for the CDS.
Action Required:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To contribute to the WALGA Submission, contact Heather Squire by Friday, 16 November.Provide a Submission to the Department, by Thursday, 6 December.

Development of the Scheme

The McGowan Government is committed to the implementation of a Western Australian Container Deposit Scheme by early 2020. To date, Local Government has provided input into the design of the Scheme through the Government's CDS Advisory Group, Working Groups and Submissions on the Discussion Paper (October 2017), Consultation Regulation Impact Statement (August 2018) and the draft Request for Proposal - Scheme Coordinator (September 2018). The DWER and the Department of Planning, Lands and Heritage is currently engaging with Local Government planners on the interaction of the Scheme with the Western Australian planning system. DWER is holding a workshop for Local Government Officers and Elected Members from 9:00-11:30am on Wednesday, **7 November**, level 4, 168 St Georges Terrace (register [online](#)). The DWER has also released a Request for Proposal for the Scheme Coordinator (the not for profit organisation which will administer the Scheme).

Community Access

The DWER has released the [draft customer service standards](#) for consultation. This document proposes locations where the community will be able to return eligible beverage containers. Once finalised, the CDS customer service standards will inform negotiations between Government and the Preferred Scheme Coordinator on specific criteria, targets and reporting of the Scheme Coordinator, and detail the establishment and implementation of the CDS.

Considerations for Local Government

The preferred approach will result in a minimum of **196 refund points** across Western Australia:

- 111 full time refund points:** 95 Perth/Yanchep, 1 Kimberley, 2 Pilbara, 0 Gascoyne, 2 Mid-West, 3 Goldfields-Esperance, 0 Wheatbelt, 0 Peel, 6 South West, 2 Great Southern.
- 85 flexible refund points:** 1 Rottneest, 10 Kimberley, 7 Pilbara, 4 Gascoyne, 6 Mid-West, 8 Goldfields-Esperance, 27 Wheatbelt, 4 Peel, 12 South West, 6 Great Southern.

WALGA is seeking Local Government feedback on the implications of the proposed approach:

- What other locations should be included and why?**
Factors such as seasonal population changes (tourism) will increase the rate of beverage containers consumed.
- What would facilitate convenient access to the Scheme for your community?**
For example, the level and type of services to be provided, opening hours / days, frequency of collection services, type and location of collection infrastructure.
- What would a successful refund point look like for your community?**
For example, the number of people using the refund point.

Local Governments are encouraged to provide a submission directly to the [Department](#) outlining the implications of the proposed approach on their communities by Thursday, **6 December**.

For further information, or to contribute to the WALGA Submission, please contact:
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