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RE: Public Consultation regulation impact assessment, of proposed Container Deposit Scheme.

Hello again Department of Water and Environmental Regulation.

From your Consultation Summary. May 2018:

You know I said we need at least 20c to encourage genuine recycling of all drink containers.

I note your reply was:

The Government has decided that the refund amount will be 10 cents for each eligible container to align with other Australian schemes. This will minimise business administration costs and provide a common consumer experience across jurisdictions. Any future amendment to the refund amount will be coordinated with other states and territories to maintain alignment between schemes.

Since when did Western Australia have to follow other States?

WA was not following SA/NT all these decades.

We can lead them, we can lead the entire nation. They are all bound to follow soon enough if you do this.

Clearly by your December 2017 *State Minister Dawson* statements, your *new WA State Government* was always locked into 10c per container. You didn't make that decision in 2018 or late 2017. You had it prior to the public consultation of June 2017.

If you want, 'the best possible outcome for all West Australians', then you would set the initial refund price at 20c per container.

10c is weak, doesn't have anyone cheering along.

Stop the spinning, myself and other sensible West Australians have wanted *any WA State Governments* to put in container deposit scheme for decades. Possibly many of the *current*

State Ministers were too focussed on their pay, remuneration, and trips in the '90s, 2000s, to now. Which is why all nothing happened, and many stalls in the process.

I do believe ultimately the *Federal Governments* should have created this decades ago.

Also I note for years the sugar-drinks industry has stopped any sugar-taxes being applied to their low cost products, dare we say the majority of your 'dumped litter'. Container deposit schemes have always represented an easy method(politically) to bump up the price of those containers. Take it while you can.

Disturbing when the **Survey summary** lists 'Protect the environment' as first answer, with 'Increase recycling' as third point. To me this suggests slogan styled responses by persons who barely understand what is going on. Did they misread the survey wording prior to answering, or is the general public prone to blurting out this phrase/buzzword in response to anything? To me in a real world, with real people, and real brains, the Number One reason for a container deposit scheme is 'To increase recycling(of those containers).' Yet your survey didn't reflect that.

Is the public misinterpreting the muddled words, put out by political spin departments?
It is not helpful.

Clearly if persons wanted to 'protect the environment' they would consume less 'containers', populate less, they would use quieter, smaller, emissions less vehicles, ... etc.

I note the 'list of eligible containers' is titled 'Queensland list at 2017'. Yet the pages have the WA State logo on.

It was noticed.

I say to you, copying especially for price(10c) is wrong.

Set the refund at 20c, soon after the other States will follow.

From the submitters list:

Apologies for not being able to read them all yet.

Though a lot of the Over-55s cycle club put in quick efforts on glass.

I keep finding their submissions. It really is distorting things.

I note many companies, retailers, and some local governments put in efforts.

Many submitters said the refund price should be higher, say 30c.

Your CDS website, links:

Difficult to find myriad of Reports under different titles.

Clearly WA is following. Yet there are opportunities to lead.

All this is 11 years after the new Rudd Federal Government said it was getting it done.

The entire 'national' delayed implementation of the past few years (2010 -2017).

WA should lead, others will follow.

Put it at 20c, any fools over the state border are tourists, and GST dollars (especially from the South Australian GST thieves) that we need.

ie. Let them drive over the border to us. Is a win for our economy –fuel, towns, roadhouses in WA.

Thankyou for reading, and improving the Scheme.

Regards

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