

Agriculture and Environment Committee

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Cc: Nqcc
Subject: Waste Reduction and Recycling amendment Bill

On behalf of the North Queensland Conservation inc (NQCC) I make comments on the proposed Waste Reduction and Recycling Amendment Bill 2017.

Firstly, I thank the Qld government for introducing this bill and allowing both a ban on plastic bags and a container deposit scheme.

My comments relate to the proposed container deposit scheme. In particular, we are concerned about the exclusion of coffee cups from the scheme. The definitions of both container and manufacturer deliberately exclude coffee cups from being captured by the legislation.

As highlighted in the recent ABC program "War on Waste" Australians are using, and disposing of millions of coffee cups each year, and most of these are not recyclable, creating a huge burden on our waste systems and our environment. While there are some coffee cups that are able to be recycled but there is no clear labelling, nor incentive to the consumer to recycle them.

It is therefore a great pity that the introduction of the container deposit scheme does not include this growing waste problem.

I urge you to reconsider the definitions of "container" and "manufacturer" to allow coffee cups to be captured by this legislation in the future.

Regards

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