Inquiry - Improving Queensland's Container Refund Scheme

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I have noticed that my suburb is a lot cleaner/does not have as many cans and bottles thrown on the footpath since the Containers for Change program started. I feel it gives people incentive to do the right thing with the appropriate containers and if taken to a drop off point in the suburb which is close by you can obtain some change in your purse to use when loose change is required. And on occasions it is still required. If the program is not working as well as it should maybe an increase to 20c or more for each container would be a better incentive to do the right thing, make a bit of money and keep our city cleaner. The majority of people do the right thing but no matter what program is introduced you will always get those who do the wrong thing as I think it makes them feel more powerful but in actual fact is just petty and childish. Everyone is complaining about the cost of living but we all need to think about our own individual lifestyles and whether we really need to buy so much stuff, including all sorts of drinks when maybe we could just refill a bottle with tap water and take it with us. There is also a difference between needs and wants.