

Inquiry - Improving Queensland's Container Refund Scheme

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The efficiency of the scheme would be greatly improved if the refund amount was increased to at least 20c. A lot of containers are still discarded as many people who are not particularly interested in recycling for environmental reasons do not value them enough at only 10c to return them for refund. In addition even if the plastic bottle is recycled, the lid is still adding to landfill and litter as lids must be removed and are not collected at recycling points. The lids of plastic bottles should also be collected separately and recycled. The committee should also consider increasing the range of items which carry a refund. If containers from other household consumables like cleaning products or shampoo for example were included, the scheme would be adopted by many more members of the community and thus increase its efficiency overall.