

Inquiry - Improving Queensland's Container Refund Scheme

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Queensland's Container Refund Scheme has virtually eliminated roadside and public space littering of drink cans and bottles. This is a boon for nature conservation pollution reduction (especially marine plastic debris) and aluminum and other resource recovery. General waste bins are still receiving too much of the valuable containers and many businesses, cafes, pubs, motels and the like are yet to fully embrace the scheme. Education, incentives and possibly higher landfill charges may be required. Community volunteer groups such as RSO Inc are benefitting greatly from the fundraising returns gained. We urge that the scheme, both the community financial reward and the increased resource recovery, would be substantially improved by the implementation of \$0.20 per container.