

Inquiry - Improving Queensland's Container Refund Scheme

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Ideas from members in of Recycling Hills District/Brisbane North Inc.

- Have collection points at supermarkets and shopping centres (inside, not outside). It has to be easier. So we can grab a bag, throw the cans in, and get the cash out. I'm sure more would access these vending machines if they were more accessible.
- Provide the COEX baskets to councils at no cost. councils need to ensure they get these baskets and attach them to all public space landfill bins, so people have the opportunity to use the basket rather than the landfill bin.
- Have free pick up, similar to the green bin, in sacks, but for local charities to access. Create a register of addresses participating in the suburb and a day of the week (or month) for collection day and allocate it to local charities wanting to participate. A bit like a mix up between the Bunnings sausage sizzle and council verge collection, but with can/bottle recycling. But I'm sure something could be set up for those not wanting to/not having time to recycle their own bottles.
- Somehow make it compulsory for all cafes, through rebates or fines, or a bit of both. We went to an event at the weekend and all bottles and cans went into the mixed rubbish bin. It think it's too hard for them to manage, and staff, and it's just not worth it financially. Perhaps eateries could be encouraged to set up community collection hubs with local schools/charities/recycling groups as fundraising initiatives.
- Understanding that physical space, smell, mess, pest control etc all impact on food retail however tax incentives to participate in collaboration with local groups

(scouts/school etc) could be a carrot for installing outdoor collection points, for customers at least, if not wait staff.

- Increase the value of the refund. Perhaps suggest increase to 15c/item. Most people I ask why they aren't bothering, say it is because it isn't worth the petrol money, the mess, the space it takes, and the general effort for 10c each. A whole car full for me, including back seats and boot, yields about \$60.
- I currently can access pick up from home. I love this but it's not available to everyone.
- To make it even easier and more wet weather feasible having something like a wheelie bin I could just put them in and roll out to the front for collection would be way easier than collecting lots of small recyclable bags, stored in a large box and then dragged out the front to await for collection.
- It needs to be somewhere you can do it simple and often - rather than in bulk like most of us do currently. Needs to be at the doors of supermarkets not tucked out of the way.
- In Berlin when going shopping they take cans/bottles to recycling centre and get discount voucher to use at supermarket next door, so easy, no fuss!