

## **Inquiry - Improving Queensland's Container Refund Scheme**

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### **Submitter Comments:**

As a beneficiary of the Container Recycling scheme, a proposal to increase the "per container price" from 10 cents to 20 cents will obviously benefit us in a minor way on a financial level. We are a small Rainforest Revegetation organisation. All monies from this scheme are utilised to plant additional trees in our revegetation projects. However, this isn't the main reason why we support this proposal. We live in a remote area, where all our rubbish is processed through a small Transfer Station. We observe, on an ongoing basis, that vast amounts of bottles and cans are still simply being discarded in general waste, which means that it is going to landfills. All containers going to landfills mean that they do not enter the circular recycling economy and, therefore, continue to put pressure on further mining of resources to continue the manufacture of more containers. Additionally, we observe on an ongoing basis lots of bottles and cans simply being thrown out on roadsides and public spaces, creating litter, and many containers find their way to the ocean, harming marine life and generally damaging the environment. An increase in returns for recycling containers would make the proposition of recycling more attractive and encourage higher participation in this scheme, improving the environment.