

Inquiry - Improving Queensland's Container Refund Scheme

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i live in a regional town an hour from brisbane, and not remote. i am passionate about ensuring recyclables make their way to the right place rather than landfill.i believe we have good options for returning the containers for the 10c refunds. however a very major flaw in the system is that many local governments have a number of years ago removed many if not most recycling bins from public places. those are all going to landfill, as that's the only option unless people are keen to take them away with them. COEX provide the free baskets to councils to affix to landfill bins in public places.

our council, the scenic rim regional council has only 21 !!! public place recycling bins in the whole of our large shire. they have done trials, and although they have proved successful, they are only at this looking to have 21 baskets replacing the recycling bins. these 21 are in our larger towns, so all other towns have none - no option to recycle !! appalling in 2025. council is very keen to be known as an eco tourism destination, however it's so flawed when they are not providing decent 'waste' services. our council is not alone in this, however if the cost is someone ordering the free baskets and someone then attaching them, it's obviously just not high on their priorities. they did however and probably at great cost, install brand new landfill bins with the slogan 'keeping the scenic rim spectacular'. the public have asked that every landfill bin have a basket.