

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

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### **Submitter Comments:**

BeachPatrol is a large volunteer organisation that picks up mostly plastic litter off beaches in Victoria. We collect about 35,000 drink containers a year, plastic, metal and glass. This is over approx 30 post codes. Even after the introduction of the CDS we still find far more than we had expected to find after its introduction. The 10 cent level is not strong enough to make most people care still. It needs to be raised to get redemptions to a higher level. The return level in Vic is about the same as in QLD. In the 60+% range. This would be higher for a higher refund. It is very important for the CDS success that consumers be able to return containers that have been crushed or had their labels washed off in rain or water. In our organisation we find about 30% of the containers are in a state that they barcode cannot be read in an RVM. This is a significant percent and making these containers able to be refunded will increase the efficiency of the CDS. Thanks for considering the above [REDACTED]