

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

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Brighton Bowls Club is a Community and Sporting Club that has always supported recyclable materials to ensure that they are not going into Landfill. During the period of working with Containers For Change in the last Financial Year to Date we have recycled over \$17,000 containers across the club.

This change was made by our board to ensure that we as a community club are supporting recycling and not putting these materials back into landfill, but helping to ensure that these materials are put to good use and form part of the initiative in recycling. This was a double approach as the previous scheme we had was not conducive to our staff safety nor was it clearly defined on how the recyclables were handled. As a community club and as a board we have a responsibility to not only our staff but also to the environment.

Since we formed the partnership with Containers for Change, we realised that our local community should have easier access to container centres. Demographics in an area change and evolve and with elderly parties or people who cannot get to a recycling centre need a place to easily drop their containers with ease and without concern. With this in mind we approached Containers for Change and they provided us with a solution being their "Bag Drop Centres". Since the installation of this Bag Drop centre into our car park our locals in the community have placed over 10,000 containers through this system. Part of this initiative is that the community can receive their refund directly into their bank account which for some people who are doing it tough in the current economy like to be able to earn a little extra money and they feel they are

supporting the environment. The other option that our local community has through the bag drop system is that they can donate their funds to the local charities. The feedback from the community has been amazing, with locals saying how easy it is to just drop their bags off and feel that they are supporting people and the environment.

As a local community it is important to ensure that facilities of this nature continue to provide the services for people to be able to access easily.

We are passionate about this program and fully support the recycling initiative and with the overwhelming response that we have had from our members, our guests and the locals we believe is testimony to the fact that our governments continue their continued focus on ensuring that our landfill is not impacted and that recycling is critical to part of our country moving forward, not just in our region but nationally.

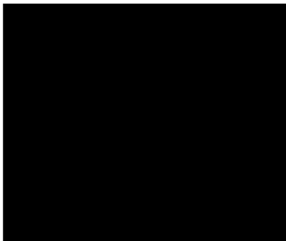
I am the Chairperson of the Brighton Bowls Club and I am happy to represent the local community, Brighton Bowls Club and Containers for Change in ensuring that this scheme continues and would be more than happy to speak at any enquiry should you wish me to do so.

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Kind regards

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