

Inquiry - Improving Queensland's Container Refund Scheme

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COEX Submission.

FAO Andrew Powell, Environment Minister.

The COEX scheme looks great on paper but is negatively impacting small producers (especially breweries).

These businesses are marginal at best (several high-profile Breweries have gone to the wall since I have spoken with the minister – Newstead, Currumbin, even Brett Lee's brewery that had raised \$6M recently).

Due to many tariffs – Excise, GST and COEX – these businesses are struggling to keep afloat. They are huge employers of people compared to the big (foreign owned) beverage manufacturers. The Sunshine Coast has more of these businesses per head of population than anywhere else in Australia.

Although many of these are out of State control, there is now an opportunity for Qld to show it is a leader in supporting small businesses without making any tangible effects on the environmental factors that COEX was implemented to address.

My suggestion would be to give these small producers a lifeline. This could be done simply by giving all small beverage producers a rebate on the COEX scheme similar to the Excise scheme. I believe a 1 million can rebate would be around the right mark. This would allow a break for these companies to their cashflow and allow them to continue to employ people.

This may seem a lot of cans, but the bigger businesses produce this many in a day.

The Independent Brewers Association has already made a clear submission to the Qld Government and all the local businesses that I have spoken to are in full agreement of this submission.

Come on Queensland – be a bold business advocate!

Kind Regards,

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