

# Waste Reduction and Recycling (Strengthening the Container Refund Scheme) Amendment Bill 2026

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A negative factor of the scheme is that attending a refund centre generally involves operating a motor vehicle, so the scheme is contributing to additional vehicle-originated environmental emissions, traffic, and wear and tear to the road infrastructure. These issues must be considered in any modelling of overall environmental outcomes.

Local councils already operate recycling programs ('yellow lid bins') that accept the same containers as does the scheme, with far greater economies of scale and less environmental damage. Arguments that eligible containers are not adequately sorted out from other recycling content are a reflection on the sorting mechanisms for such waste (which must be addressed), not a failure to recycle. Refunds should be applicable to eligible elements of such recycling and credited to the LG Council to reduce costs, and by extension, waste collection charges levied on ratepayers. None of this is considered in the recommendations or the response - it needs to be.