

MAV State Council Meeting – 18 May 2018

Container Deposit Scheme

Submitted by: Yarra City Council

MOTION:

That

- a. in light of prior MAV resolutions on container deposits including that passed 12 May 2017, and container deposits schemes now in SA (1977), NT (2012), NSW (2017), Qld (2018), and WA (2019) and the financial, social and environmental benefits;
- b. MAV further pursue with the State, introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria, by writing to the Premier, relevant Minister/s and all Members of Parliament, setting out the benefits and urging them to follow the lead in SA, NT, NSW and Qld, to support the introduction of Container Deposit legislation for Victoria.

MAV Strategic Work Plan (SWP):

Indicate whether or not the subject matter of your motion is included in the MAV SWP 2017-19.

Is the subject matter of this motion included in the SWP?	Yes
If yes, identify the following:	
Objective No.	2
Priority No.	2c
Item No.	1

RATIONALE:

In Container Deposit Schemes (CDS), consumers pay a deposit on beverage containers, refunded when containers are returned to a collection deposit site. CDS are now being implemented in 5/7 Australian States, and jurisdictions across Canada, Europe and the United States. CDS returns in excess of \$1.30 for every \$1.

A 2009 Report, (*Turning Rubbish into Community Money: The benefits of a 10c deposit on drink containers in Victoria*) outlined potential benefits throughout Victoria, including:

- (a) increase recycling rates from 49% to 83%;
- (b) reduce the volume of litter in our parks, beaches and roadsides by 12-15%;
- (c) increase recovery of packaging waste (and reduce landfill) by 128,000 tonnes per year;
- (d) reduce Victoria's greenhouse gas emissions by over 350,000 tonnes of CO₂e per year (equivalent to over 50,000 Victorian homes switching to 100% renewable energy);
- (e) save enough water to permanently supply over 12,500 Victorian homes;
- (f) deliver the same level of Victorian air quality improvements as taking 44,000 cars off the road;
- (g) save rate payers \$15.2 million per annum; and
- (h) create 300-400 new jobs.

Victorian ratepayers contribute a disproportionate amount to kerbside recycling costs while the packaging industry's contribution is minimal. CDS addresses this imbalance by capturing away from home beverage consumption, while bolstering the economic viability of kerbside recycling.

A stand-alone Victorian scheme could be fully funded from additional funds generated by unredeemed deposits (as funded in California).

Note: Motions must be submitted by **one council but may be supported by other councils. The council submitting the motion will need to supply written confirmation from any council(s) listed as supporting the motion. All relevant background information in support of the motion should be included in the space provided for the rationale and not in attachments. **The motion and rationale should be no longer than one page.***