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Council of Australian Government (COAG)
Standing Council on Environment and Water
GPO Box 7015
Sydney NSW 2001

Re: Submission to National Container Deposit Scheme Consultation Regulation Impact Statement on Packaging

Horsham Rural City Council has been a long standing supporter of container deposit legislation and has a strong history as a leader in waste management recycling and community involvement in maintaining a clean environment.

Horsham Rural City Council was a National Tidy Towns winner in 2001 and has won numerous Tidy Towns Awards over 25 years.

Council has previously strongly supported container deposit legislation at a State level and has advocated through mechanisms through the Regional Waste Management Group for Western Victoria and through the Municipal Association Victoria and other available forums.

Horsham Rural City Council manages the disposal of waste to land for the Wimmera region and is critically concerned to ensure that we avoid wherever possible putting waste in land fill.

Horsham Rural City Council believes we need to “ascribe a value to rubbish” which ensures that critical components such as cans and bottles do not enter the land fill.

Horsham has always been a leader in this area starting back in 1975 with the promotion of the “Don’t Rubbish Australia” slogan and has continued a strong emphasis since that time on recycling other litter campaigns and modern waste management practices.

Attached to this submission is an earlier letter to the Victorian Standing Committee on Environment and Planning Legislative Council which highlights a number of the issues relevant to a national container deposit scheme.

Yours faithfully



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