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Standing Council on Environment and Water Secretariat  
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Dear Sir

### **SUBMISSION REGARDING THE CONSULTION REGULATION IMPACT STATEMENT ON PACKAGING**

Holroyd City Council has been a long time advocate for the introduction of a container deposit scheme (CDS) and has supported such positions held by the NSW Local Government and Shires Association and the Australian Local Government Association. This submission is provided to the Standing Council on Environment and Water in relation to its Regulatory Impact Statement on Packaging (RIS) to urge the adoption of a CDS.

Holroyd City Council, like other councils, spends hundreds of thousands of dollars each year on managing litter and believes that, rather, the producers of such material, who profit from its sale, should take responsibility for ensuring it is recovered for recycling. The RIS finds that more than \$2.5 billion would be avoided in collection, transport and recycling costs in the municipal and commercial/industrial sectors, the majority being in the municipal sector. This is funding that would directly benefit local communities through increased spending on services.

The RIS also indicates that a CDS would result in the highest rates of recovery of beverage packaging out of the options considered. Anecdotally, Council also has found strong support among community members for such as scheme.

The RIS also notes that a CDS would result in job creation and support resource recovery infrastructure, both welcomed by local communities.

Council acknowledges that there would be additional costs associated with the introduction of a CDS, however, these costs would be borne by the industry and as the producers of the material, this is appropriate.

Of the other options considered, the industry preferred scheme is for a network of public place recycling bins. Council's experience with public place recycling is that the material is often highly contaminated and the percentage of available material actually recovered is quite low. While this may be a cheaper option for industry, the RIS demonstrates that it would be less effective and councils would still be responsible for a significant portion of the cost involved.

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With consideration of the points outlined above, Holroyd City Council strongly advocates for the Standing Council to proceed with the introduction of a CDS.

Yours faithfully

Merv Ismay  
GENERAL MANAGER

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A handwritten signature in black ink is positioned over the typed name 'MANAGER ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH'. The signature is highly stylized and cursive, appearing to be a variation of the name 'Merv Ismay'.