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28 March 2013

The Hon Campbell Newman MP
Premier of Queensland
PO Box 15185
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Dear Premier

I am writing regarding the Northern Territory Government's request for a permanent exemption from the *Mutual Recognition Act 1992 (MRA)* for its Container Deposit Legislation. The Australian Food and Grocery Council, representing Australia's \$110 billion food, beverage and grocery manufacturing sector, is extremely concerned at the broader implications for business regulation that would flow from such an exemption and believe a thorough examination of the full ramifications must be undertaken in the process of considering the application.

The *MRA* is one of the pillars of microeconomic reform in Australia and fundamental to the goal of developing a seamless national economy in the trade of goods and services between jurisdictions. As a nation we are still some way from achieving the goal of a seamless national economy making the *MRA* just as important today as when it was passed in the early 1990's. Indeed, with many of COAGs regulatory reform processes now stalled, it is more important than ever that governments reaffirm their commitment to removing costly and inefficient regulatory burdens rather than being party to the erection of new ones.

For 20 years, governments of all political persuasions have had an agreed process for exemptions for the *MRA* to be granted. The process recognises the benefits of a seamless national economy by placing the onus on the applicant to provide rigorous analysis of the costs and benefits of the regulation and to demonstrate that less trade restrictive options have been considered. Further, the applicant must gain the unanimous agreement of Heads of Government. As you would be aware, since the *MRA* was established in 1992, no permanent exemptions have been granted. The request by the Northern Territory Government for a permanent exemption for the Northern Territory's Container Deposit Legislation, ie the *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2011*, is therefore an important test of the process that must be followed given the far reaching ramifications for the national economy.

Recently the Federal Court ruled very clearly that the Northern Territory Container Deposit Legislation is in breach of the *MRA* and therefore illegal. Costs were awarded against the NT Government. While this ruling may be subject to appeal, the Federal Court ruling clearly affirmed the broader economic and policy principle that jurisdictions should avoid introducing regulation that inhibit the trade of goods and services across jurisdictions.

It is also beyond question that there are a range of alternative approaches to achieving higher recycling rates and litter reduction than the Container Deposit Scheme in question. Indeed COAG has before it a total of ten options currently being examined through the Decision Regulatory Impact Statement process now underway. Many of these options are less trade restrictive than the NT Container Deposit Scheme, and would not fall foul of the *MRA*.

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We therefore seek your Government's urgent confirmation that the COAG Regulatory Impact Statement process will be fully followed and the Northern Territory Government will be required to provide the COAG Standing Council on Environment and Water with a rigorous economic justification for their request for a permanent exemption, including the required modelling of a range of additional options to its Container Deposit Scheme. We are confident that this analysis will confirm that there are alternate schemes that are less trade restrictive and much lower cost than the Container Deposit Scheme, making a permanent exemption from the *MRA* unjustified.

Given the significance of COAG Heads of Government approving the first ever permanent exemption to the *MRA*, and the economically damaging ramifications that could flow from such a decision, this is not a matter that should be rushed. The former and current Northern Territory Governments have had considerable time to follow the COAG process and have chosen only to commence the process with a Consultation RIS in late 2012. Given this, it seems extremely unreasonable for the Northern Territory Government to seek an expedited process which may breach the agreed COAG guidelines.

I would be very keen to discuss these matters directly. Please contact Cynthia Coppock in my office on (02) 6273 1466 to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Yours sincerely

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Gary Dawson
Chief Executive

cc Minister Andrew Powell

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Peter Dowling MP

MEMBER FOR REDLANDS



11 April 2013

Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection
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Dear Minister

I have been approached by local constituents requesting a cash for containers scheme to be introduced in Queensland to boost recycling, reduce litter and support the community sector.

Returning used beverage containers was part of an Aussie upbringing in the 1960s and 1970s. Glass bottles used in soft drinks were returned to the local corner store and taken back to the factory. Things changed with the introduction of the plastic beverage container. Lighter and more resilient, they were, however, unable to be refilled, so manufacturers had less incentive to take them back. It didn't take long to see the change in the landscape.

South Australia has proven over the last 30 years that a Container Deposit Scheme is working. If developed in complement with the kerbside recycling system there will be a big change to what turns up year after year in our waterways, parks and roadsides. A deposit system is also a great way for community groups to make money. A 10-cent refund is supported by over 80% of the community (Clean Up Australia poll 2008) and is the most effective way to address beverage waste created away from home.

Across Europe there are deposit schemes for glass, plastic and aluminium containers, there is an automatic drop off point at every supermarket. A bit like an ATM, it takes the containers in, scans the bar codes, gives you the cash back and crushes and stores the container ready for pick up. The point of sale is the convenient and logical drop off point.

Additionally many large stores, especially electrical/phone/camera/pc have large containers for packaging at their exits. They are obliged to take back the packaging they sell. Surely the seller should take responsibility for the packaging they sell.

I look forward to your thoughts on this matter.

Kind regards

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Dear Mr Dowling

Thank you for your letter of 11 April 2013 concerning the introduction of a cash for containers scheme in Queensland.

I do acknowledge that there is community support for introduction of a container deposit or 'cash for cans' scheme. I also acknowledge that the South Australian system has been successful - in South Australia. It must be remembered however, that when the South Australian scheme was introduced, it preceded the introduction of kerbside services and provided people with an opportunity to recycle where none had existed before. This is unlike today where a significant percentage of Queenslanders have access to well-established kerbside recycling services.

A national project assessing various options to reduce the impacts of packaging waste and increase packaging recycling is currently under way, with a Decision Regulation Impact Statement (RIS) currently being prepared. Several options being assessed are container deposit scheme options. The cost-benefit analysis undertaken for the Consultation RIS released in 2012 identified that container deposit scheme options were the most costly options to implement nationally. I would anticipate that the Decision RIS will demonstrate the same cost proportion between the various options.

Based on the information available, the Queensland Government has decided not to implement a container deposit scheme. Instead, Queensland has decided to promote recycling and litter reduction through industry-led initiatives, announcing in August 2012 a \$550,000 partnership between the Australian Packaging Covenant and Keep Australia Beautiful and, as a separate initiative, the roll-out of additional public place litter and recycling bins across Queensland. Stradbroke Island was one of the iconic areas of Queensland that was identified as part of this roll-out.

The provision of more accessible litter and recycling infrastructure will help provide people with greater opportunity to do the right thing when they are away from home for a broader range of items than beverage containers. Litter surveys indicate that a significant quantity of non-beverage container items, including cigarette butts and packaging and fast food wrappers, end up littered. The provision of better infrastructure will help to address the overall litter issue and not a small proportion of potentially littered items.

I hope this information is of assistance when replying to your constituents. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Troy Collings on 3239 0844.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'A Powell', is written over the typed name.

ANDREW POWELL MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

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From: Markus Fraval <mbfraval@revive-recycling.com.au>
Sent: Friday, 10 May 2013 9:54 PM
To: Environment
Subject: International Recycling Industry Delegation - Common Position Paper re CDS
Attachments: CDS Common position paper - FINAL.PDF; Media Release - FINAL 9-4-13.pdf

Dear Mr Powell,

Thank you for your letter of 11 March 2013 to Mr Stefan Ranstrand, President & CEO of TOMRA and copied to me, in which you reference a previous letter from your office to myself and your Government's current policy to withdraw from the Packaging DRIS process and instead work directly with the Packaging Industry.

As you will recall, Mr Ranstrand and other members of the industry delegation of major international recycling companies were visiting Australia to discuss their experience of container deposit systems (CDS) and highlight the investment opportunities into Australia that would result from the introduction of a national CDS. While aware of your Government's position, Mr Ranstrand, myself and the other members of the delegation were nevertheless surprised to hear that you regard CDS not to be cohesive with the current actions you are undertaking since in many markets they are entirely complementary.

I was sorry that we were unable to meet with you during the delegation's visit but I trust you remain open to hearing all industry and community perspectives as well as the real experience in many markets overseas. As such I am pleased to attach a Common Position Paper, put together by the companies represented in the delegation, and a media release, which together summarise the issues raised by the delegation.

In the course of our meetings with governments, and industry stakeholders (incl. major re-processors and retailers) it became clear that there are important elements of CDS that have been overlooked or require additional consideration, as follows:

- **Major economic value created through quality, not just quantity, of CDS recycling.** From our discussions with local re-processors (glass, plastic and aluminium) we estimate that there is up to \$142 million per annum extra economic value available to Australia per annum directly or indirectly attributable to the superior quality of CDS material (i.e. very low contamination), for just Aluminium and PET fractions alone. This is downstream of, and in addition to, the figures mentioned in our media release, and these benefits are not captured in the CRIS where the only differential considered is the price premium at the point of sale from the collection infrastructure (e.g. kerbside MRF vs CDS depot).
- **Benefits to Local Government / Kerbside.** CDS improves kerbside economics and reduces net costs to councils, by providing additional value for material collected, while reducing collection costs. This is confirmed by recent reports (incl. the most recent one performed by Mike Ritchie & Associates for LGNSW), and is a reason most local government associations are strongly in favour of CDS. It is also confirmed by the example of Germany, whose kerbside system was at least as developed as Australia's and whose costs per tonne fell after the introduction of CDS in 2003/4.
- **Cost of living pressures.** Container deposits are fully refundable, and the net costs of a well-designed system are close to zero (or at the very most 0.5 cents / container) so there should be no price impacts on consumers. This is the experience in South Australia, and is confirmed in a recent US study which found that "the presence of a bottle deposit law does not have a discernible effect on the retail price of beverages". Consumers who are more price sensitive are naturally also the ones most inclined to recycle for a refund, and in many cases the collection of deposit containers is used by those on the most marginal incomes as a way to supplement those incomes and alleviate cost of living pressures.

I would like to add that we are confident that, with reasonable assumptions, the DRIS will show the net cost of CDS to be significantly lower than those shown in the CRIS (which assumed handling fees at SA levels, where the absence of technology means they are very high by international standards), even without consideration of the additional downstream economic benefit mentioned above.

Finally, I also attach some links to videos of RVMs in operation for some visual illustration of the consumer end of the types of systems we are recommending.

TOMRA T-83: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mOXOI1c65SU&feature=youtu.be>

TOMRA MultiPac: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QayXunxXyso&feature=youtu.be>

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of assistance with any additional information.

Yours sincerely,

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COMMON POSITION PAPER

Boosting Australia's economy while protecting its environment, through the roll out of a nationwide container deposit system



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Boosting Australia's economy while protecting its environment, through the roll out of a nationwide container deposit system

A position paper on the positive effects of beverage container deposit legislation and how it can be simply and effectively implemented.

Introduction

The federal and state governments of Australia are considering new packaging policies, including for beverage containers, to combat litter and to improve recycling; and will be making a decision in 2013.

We represent a range of major companies that operate in this space internationally on a daily basis. These include:

REMONDIS (www.remondis.com) – one of the world's largest environmental service companies with a turnover of € 6 billion (approx. AUD 7.7 billion), it is the leading player in Germany and is also among the top five Australian waste disposal and recycling companies, represented by its subsidiary REMONDIS Australia (which includes former Thiess Waste Management) and its sister company Rhenus (www.rhenus.com), with a turnover of € 3.5 billion (approx. AUD 4.2 billion)

REMONDIS and Rhenus are part of the Rethmann Group and successfully service and manage the extensive container deposit system in Germany.

TOMRA (www.tomra.com) – a global leader in recycling and resource efficiency technology covering areas such as container recycling, food sorting and mining, with annual sales of € 600 million (approx. AUD 750 million), represented in the Australian market by its distributor Revive Recycling,

Envipco (www.envipco.com) – a major international reverse vending and sorting technology provider with annual sales of USD 68 million (approx. AUD 67 million), represented in Australia by its distributor Envirobank Recycling.

The Road Ahead

Our companies are global leaders in the resource recovery value chain – from collection technology and operations, through system management and logistics, to reprocessing. We offer particular expertise in deposit system technology, deposit clearinghouse operations and closed loop recycling. We work with container deposit systems (CDS) around the world and were pleased to learn that such a system is one of the primary options being considered for Australia.

Community support for CDS is consistently high. Latest Newspolls indicate over 80% of the Australian population support a CDS and the environmental and social benefits of CDS are well known. These include international best practice recycling rates, premium recycling material quality, improvements in broad sustainability measures such as reduced energy consumption and CO2 emissions, closed loop reprocessing for avoidance of virgin material production, significantly reduced litter, and opportunities for community group fund-raising.

What is less well known are the very significant inward investment opportunities and economic benefits that result from a well-designed, modern CDS. These include:

- **Large-scale job creation.** Based on our assessment between 3,000 and 3,500 jobs will be created. These comprise skilled technical and service jobs as well as blue-collar jobs e.g. in convenience return points, in financial clearing and management, in logistics, and in expanded sorting facilities, reprocessing and manufacturing facilities etc. This will contribute to shore up local manufacturing and reduce unemployment across the nation, including in regional, rural areas.
- **The additional value** created by the separate collection and recycling streams of glass, plastic and metals, is conservatively estimated to be **around 120 to 140 million AUD annually**. New business infrastructure will help underpin the recovery of other major wasted resource streams, and a help create a resilient circular economy in which new local reprocessing reduces virgin material use and generates export opportunities. The unique quantity and quality of material coming from CDS will stimulate local recycling processes, support domestic packaging companies / fillers by reducing their dependency on Asian imports, and save landfill space and costs.
- **A network of automated and manual return locations** which in many cases will help service other problem waste / resource streams also. These include
 - **Approximately 1,400 convenience points** all over Australia providing convenient return possibilities for consumers in the proximity of large supermarkets.
 - **A network of approximately 200-250 hubs** which will serve the commercial and industrial sector, and aggregate material for freight to reprocessors, and which **also serve as collection points for a wide variety of other valuable and problematic waste streams** from the public. Existing Materials Recovery Facilities will in most cases be well positioned to take on such a role and to use it to expand their businesses and income streams.

Existing deposit systems like South Australia's will be smoothly integrated and transitioned. We understand the Recyclers of South Australia are looking forward to these new business opportunities as well.

- **Initial investments into the Australian economy of some 400-500 mill AUD.** These investments are expected to be recouped through the receipt of handling fees, which in turn are funded by the material revenues generated from the secondary raw material and by the unredeemed deposits on the small proportion of containers not being returned.
- **The undersigned companies are ready to provide their global expertise and to contribute significant investments into Australia in order to set up an efficient, modern and low-cost deposit scheme and to leverage the additional domestic reprocessing and manufacturing opportunities it creates.**

Global Background on Deposit Schemes

- Deposit systems are a widely used and successful policy instrument in order to:
 - Recover quality input material for recyclers enabling bottle to bottle recycling
 - Save local authorities money
 - Achieve landfill reduction
 - Create new green jobs
 - Stop beverage container littering
 - Achieve high recycling rates
 - Change behaviour within society
 - Capture valuable resources
 - Improve environmental standards
- Deposit schemes operate successfully in more than 40 States and provinces all over the world. Almost every year additional systems are being introduced by legislators.
- Deposit systems are flexible. No two existing deposit systems are identical - local culture, industry structure and political objectives influence the system.
- All well-designed systems operate at very low (essentially insignificant) costs— the key drivers being efficiency in collection and transport and low cost automation. Some systems operate at a surplus and the more expensive ones operate at net costs of between 0 and 2 cents per container.
- All well-designed systems achieve collection rates in the 80-95% range.



MEDIA RELEASE

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

International investment in Australian recycling

A group of international recycling companies today committed to supporting the roll out of a modern beverage container recycling system in Australia. The introduction of such a system would involve a capital influx of approx \$500m into sustainable infrastructure.

Stefan Ranstrand, CEO of European based TOMRA said that based on the experience in over 30 markets a well-designed, modern CDS would provide significant economic returns as well as community benefits. "Our assessment is that more than 3000 jobs will be created."

Carsten Schleeberger, Head of Deposit Systems at Rhenus, said that their German experience showed that both consumers and retailers were quick to embrace the system once it was fully implemented in 2006.

"Recycling rates are now consistently over 95%, and it is providing local industry with high quality material that adds significant local economic value.

"A CDS in Australia will reclaim at least 5 billion containers that are currently lost to litter or landfill every year, and that are conservatively estimated to be worth around \$120 to \$140 million annually", said Markus Fraval, CEO of Revive Recycling.

"The implementation of CDS will also deliver pure material streams that are the key to closed loop recycling, and which provide significant additional financial benefit to re-processors, stimulating local manufacturing operations."

Narelle Anderson, Managing Director of Envirobank Recycling, said that the newest CDS in the Northern Territory had also demonstrated added value to MRF operators by way of increased commodity value in the kerbside collections.

"In addition, the remote communities are now able to take advantage of the economic benefit a CDS delivers through employment and local fundraising opportunities.

"Those on marginal incomes now have the opportunity to supplement their incomes, easing cost of living pressures, by collecting containers at 10c each."

A network of automated and manual return locations would ensure convenient community access, and would include:

- Approximately 1,400 convenience points all over Australia providing easy return possibilities for consumers close to large supermarkets.
- A network of approximately 200-250 hubs to serve the commercial and industrial sector, as well as aggregate material for freight to reprocessors.

The upfront investments in infrastructure and jobs would be paid off through system handling fees which in turn are fully funded by unredeemed deposits and the extra reclaimed material.

The companies represented are recycling industry leaders from Europe and the US who are here in Australia, together with Australian industry partners, discussing investment opportunities with Federal and State governments, and with industry stakeholders. They include:

REMONDIS (www.remondis.com) is one of the largest environmental service companies in the world with a turnover of approximately AUD 7.7 billion annually. Its Australian subsidiary, REMONDIS Australia, is among the top five Australian waste disposal and recycling companies, and its sister company Rhenus (www.rhenus.com) is a major logistics company with a turnover of approximately AUD 4.2 billion.

REMONDIS and Rhenus are part of the Rethmann Group and successfully service and manage the extensive container deposit system in Germany.

Envipco (www.envipco.com) is an international reverse vending and sort technology provider with annual sales of approximately AUD 67 million.

Envirobank Recycling (www.envirobank.com.au) is Envipco's Australian representative for distributing advanced reverse vending technology and sorting solutions and is a major CDS co-ordinator in the NT.

TOMRA (www.tomra.com) is a global leader in recycling and resource efficiency with annual sales of up to AUD 750 million. With an installed base of more than 67,000 systems in over 30 markets worldwide, TOMRA is the leading provider of reverse vending solutions for the return of used beverage containers.

Revive Recycling (www.revive-recycling.com.au) is TOMRA's Australian distributor and operates the first example in Australia of the type of infrastructure proposed: a reverse vending machine facility capable of handling all deposit container materials and linked to retailers for redemption.

Contact Stefan Ranstrand (TOMRA) or Markus Fraval (Revive Recycling) on

for more information.

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The Hon. Campbell Newman, MP
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Asker, February 25, 2013

Dear Premier,

I am writing on behalf of a delegation of leading companies in the global waste management and recycling industry because I understand that the federal and state governments of Australia are considering new packaging policies, including for beverage containers, to combat litter and to improve recycling; and will be making a decision in 2013. These companies work with container deposit systems (CDS) around the world and were pleased to learn that such a system is one of the primary options being considered.

Community support for CDS is consistently high. Likewise, the environmental and social benefits of CDS – including improvements in broad sustainability measures such as reduced energy consumption, reduced CO₂ emissions, closed loop reprocessing for avoidance of virgin material production, reduced litter, and opportunities for community group fund-raising – are well known.

What is less well known are the very significant inward investment opportunities and economic benefits that result from a well-designed CDS. These include large-scale green job creation, infrastructure that helps underpin the recovery of other major wasted resource streams, and a resilient circular economy in which new local reprocessing reduces virgin imports and generates export opportunities.

There are a range of major companies that operate in this space internationally on a daily basis who are ready to make significant investments into Australia in the event of CDS introduction. These include:

Remondis (www.remondis.com) – the dominant environmental service company in Germany and one of the world's largest with a turnover of €6 billion

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Envipco (www.envipco.com) – a major international reverse vending and sorting technology provider and competitor to Tomra

Tomra Systems (www.tomra.com) – a global leader in recycling and resource efficiency technology covering areas such as recycling, food sorting and mining, with annual sales of approx AUD 800 million

The CEOs and/or other senior representatives of these companies (and others still to be finalized), including myself, will be visiting Australia between 10-15 March and would very much appreciate the opportunity to meet with yourself and Treasurer the Hon. Tim Nicholls MP to discuss the business and investment opportunities, outline the benefits to Queensland and learn more about your government's position.

I look forward to hearing back from you as to whether there is a time that is convenient during that week.

Yours sincerely,

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Stefan Ranstrand
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Dear Mr Fraval

Thank you for your email of 10 May 2013 providing updated information on investment opportunities for nationwide container deposit systems (CDS) following the International Recycling Industry Delegation.

I also appreciate you forwarding the Common Position Paper and Media Release 'International Investment in Australian Recycling' for my information. As you may be aware, the Queensland Government has decided not to support the introduction of CDS in Queensland, supporting instead the promotion of litter reduction and increased recycling through industry-led initiatives that will improve away-from-home litter and recycling infrastructure. This is because current evidence indicates that implementation of a national CDS is likely to come at a significant cost.

However, the Queensland Government is maintaining a watching brief on the assessment of options that is currently being undertaken nationally. In the course of this assessment, if a deposit scheme can be shown to be a cost-effective and efficient approach at the national level, the Queensland Government would give careful consideration to this option where it is shown to be in the best interests of Queenslanders.

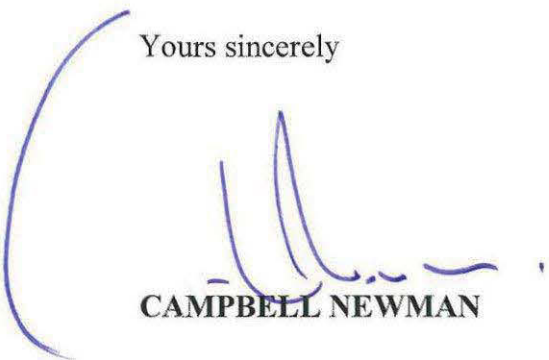
I acknowledge that CDS certainly has a significant amount of community support and that it has been successful in South Australia. However, it also needs to be acknowledged that the circumstances of its introduction are very different to the current arrangements in Queensland, as CDS was introduced well before kerbside recycling in South Australia.

Queensland has a well established kerbside recycling system with close to 90 per cent of Queenslanders having access to a kerbside recycling service. In areas where there is no kerbside service residents will often have access to drop-off facilities. In the years since CDS was introduced there has been a shift in the way people can recycle when they are away from home. There are a growing number of recycling bins being located in shopping centres, fast food restaurants and public areas like malls, stadiums and beaches, making it more convenient for consumers to recycle their containers when they are away from home.

Even in the absence of CDS, the use of reverse vending machine technology may still have potential to provide consumers with more choices about how they recycle. For example, partnerships with supermarkets in installing equipment may work to provide an incentive for people to recycle their containers where a store credit could be provided. There is no regulatory impediment to these types of discussions taking place now.

Thank you for writing to me about this matter and I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely



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Dear Mr Fraval

I have been informed that you will be coordinating the itinerary for TOMRA Systems ASA on their visit to Australia.

For your information please find enclosed a copy of a letter forwarded to Mr Stefan Ranstrand, President and CEO of Tomra Systems ASA, who had sought a meeting with the Honourable Campbell Newman MP, Premier of Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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MICHAEL PRAIN
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Dear Mr Ranstrand

Thank you for your email of 25 February 2013 requesting a meeting with the Premier of Queensland about container deposit systems. I have been requested to reply to you on the Premier's behalf.

Unfortunately due to the Premier's heavy work schedule, he is unable to meet with you during your visit to Australia.

As the Honourable Andrew Powell MP, Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection is best able to address this issue, I have taken the liberty of sending him a copy of your email for consideration and direct reply to you.

The Premier has also noted that you have sent a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Tim Nicholls MP, Treasurer and Minister for Trade.

Again, thank you for bringing this matter to the Premier's attention.

Yours sincerely

MICHAEL PRAIN
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18 February 2013

Rob Kelman

Container Collection Campaign Director

Via email: Robertkelman@iinet.net.au

Dear Rob

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR A NATIONAL CONTAINER COLLECTION SCHEME

I would like to express The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc.'s support for the concept of a container recycling scheme. Such a scheme makes smart use of natural resources, helps in preserving the environment, encourages habits that support a philosophy of conservation and may assist the Scout Association in fundraising.

Scouts encourages young people to "care for the environment", which is embedded into one of the Scout Laws. We see this as a responsibility for individuals, the groups within our organisation and the wider community. Plastic waste is a significant contributor to pollution of our environment, and a scheme to remove this waste, by placing a small value on the return of plastic products is to be encouraged.

This type of scheme is already in operation in South Australia, where the Scouts in that state coordinate the recycling program. Through the extensive network of Scout Groups across the country, Scouts are able to collect the plastic containers as a community service and this in turn also provides the organisation in South Australia with a much needed income stream. We are interested in pursuing a similar model in Queensland.

The proposal to establish a container collection program across the country has the support of The Scout Association of Australia, Queensland Branch Inc. This type of program has been managed successfully by Scouts South Australia for many years, as it supports the ethos of Scouts, has many benefits for the community and the environment and has financially supported the Scouts in South Australia in the development of young people between the ages of 6 and 25. It could be operated in a similar way throughout Australia.

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We would be happy to discuss the possibility of becoming involved in a container collection program in Queensland.

Yours sincerely,

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IAN LIGHTBODY

GENERAL MANAGER

cc: Chief Commissioner

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Frangi Spillsbury

From: DEWNR:Minister Hunter <DEWNRMinisterHunter@sa.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 23 May 2013 6:19 PM
To: Environment
Subject: CDS Letter
Attachments: brisbane.pdf

Dear Minister

Please find attached a letter from Hon Ian Hunter MLC, Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation, regarding the container deposit legislation in the Northern Territory.

A hard copy of the letter has been posted to you.

Kind regards

Correspondence Officer
Office of the Honourable Ian Hunter MLC
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Dear Minister *Andrew*

I write to you in relation to the container deposit legislation in the Northern Territory which was recently challenged in the Federal Court by Coca Cola, Lion and Schweppes.

South Australia has supported the Northern Territory throughout the establishment and operation of its scheme and firmly believes that if given the opportunity, the Northern Territory could achieve similar environmental and community outcomes to those we in South Australia have achieved with our scheme.

I believe that a jurisdiction should not be denied the ability to take the initiative and deal with the raft of negative consequences of beverage containers (such as litter and resource recovery for recycling) given that their elected government has considered and agreed that the measure is in the best interest of that jurisdiction.

I understand that the Northern Territory is seeking a permanent exemption from the Commonwealth *Mutual Recognition Act 1992*. A permanent exemption will allow the Northern Territory to operate its scheme and strengthen its position against further negative influence from the beverage sector.

South Australia is supporting the Northern Territory in its quest for a permanent exemption, and I would strongly urge that you also support the Northern Territory in this important initiative.

Yours sincerely

IAN HUNTER MLC

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation

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From: Premier Liaison [Premier.Liaison@premiers.qld.gov.au]

Sent: Wednesday, 22 May 2013 3:26 PM

To: Corro EHP Minister

CC: Rachel Lunnon; Admin ERP (DPC)

Subject: TF/13/10214 - Ministerial Liaison Request - Mr Markus Fraval

Attachments: Forwarding Common Position ~ following the International Recycling Industry Delegation in relation to nationwide container deposit system.html; CDS Common position paper - FINAL.PDF; Media Release - FINAL 9-4-13.pdf; Request for a delegation to meet with the Premier to discuss the introduction and investment opportunities of Container ~ 15 March 2013.html; Letter from TOMRA CEO to Premier The Hon Campbell Newman.pdf; Signed Final for TF 13 3954 Mr Fraval.PDF; DEHP - TF1310214 - Mr Markus Fraval.docx; PRIORITY MINISTERIAL Forwarding Common ~ following the International Recycling Industry Delegation in relation to nationwide container deposit system.tr5

Good afternoon

The Premier has received the attached correspondence from **Mr Markus Fraval, Chief Executive Officer, Revive Recycling Pty Ltd**, providing **updated information on investment opportunities for nationwide container deposit systems**. It would be appreciated if you could please review the correspondence and prepare a draft response for Premier signature, addressing the issues raised.

To assist you in preparing your response, please find attached:

- incoming correspondence (email)
- previous correspondence
- Premier correspondence template (partially completed).

Note that the Premiers office has not provided any specific drafting instructions. You may also wish to note that the correspondent has not previously written to the Premier.

Please provide the draft response for Premier consideration, with any appropriate supporting documentation, to premier.liaison@premiers.qld.gov.au by **5 June 2013**. It would also be appreciated if you could also provide the **contact details of a departmental officer** who we could discuss the content with should we require any content clarification (name, position, email address and contact number). Should your Minister have corresponded with the constituent previously on this issue, please provide the Premier with a copy of their response.

Should you wish to seek an extension, please contact me at premier.liaison@premiers.qld.gov.au prior to the due date with a valid reason why the timeline cannot be met, and a proposed new due date.

Thanks in advance for your assistance.

***Please note a .tr5 file has also been attached for DPC's ease of reference. This file is an internal link to our record management system and therefore will not open externally ***

Regards

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[Letter from TOMRA CEO to Premier The Hon Campbell Newman.pdf \(245 KB\)](#)

Dear Sir / Madam,

I would be grateful if you could forward the attached letter to the Premier and his diary secretary.

Our local representative, Markus Fraval (CEO, Revive Recycling) will be coordinating our itinerary and so it would be appreciated if a response could be copied to him at the contact details below:

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Email: HYPERLINK "mailto:mbfraval@revive-recycling.com.au"mbfraval@revive-recycling.com.au

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Thank you for your assistance.

Yours faithfully,

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