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TO: _____ Dept Ref: CTS _____/____/____ Due Date to MECU _____/____/____

RELATED CORRESPONDENCE: CTS 07234/13.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Taylor Erin

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 11 May 2013 11:49 AM
To: Corro EHP Minister
Subject: Re: CTS 07234/13- Please inform the Minister of my reaction to this unacceptable response.

Importance: High

This response is UNACCEPTABLE. The Minister wants to serve lobbyists from the beverage industry and not the people. I am deeply insulted by this response. Please inform the Minister that I found this response most offensive. Kindly Remind the Minister to serve the people- not Coca Cola.

----- Original Message -----

From: Corro EHP Minister
Sent: 05/06/13 06:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CTS 07234/13

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection. A response to your correspondence is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

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MINISTER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND HERITAGE PROTECTION

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RELATED CORRESPONDENCE: _____

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Hon Andrew Powell
Qld Environment Minister
GPO Box 2454
Brisbane
QLD 4001



Wednesday 13 March 2013

Dear Minister,

We are writing to seek your support for the national 'Cash for Containers' recycling scheme that will be considered at the 11 April 2013 meeting of the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) in New Zealand.

Attached to this letter is plastic removed from the stomach of a bird like the one in the enclosed photos.

The birds are Flesh-footed Shearwaters from pristine, World Heritage protected Lord Howe Island off the coast of NSW. The birds died because their stomachs are too full of plastic to absorb food. More than 75 percent of Flesh-footed Shearwater chicks on Lord Howe contain large quantities of plastic, fed to them by parents who mistake it for food.^{cxliv}



Scientists estimate that at least two thirds of Australian seabirds are affected by plastic pollution – either through entanglement or ingestion.^{cxlv} Other animals like fish, turtles and even whales are also affected. It is estimated that every day, about 20 million plastic items are dumped in our oceans^{cxlvi}. It is further estimated that up to a third of this comes from the beverage industry.^{cxlvii}

More broadly, about 15 billion drink containers are consumed every year in Australia with less than 40 percent of these being recycled^{cxlviii}. That means every second 266 bottles or cans end up in landfill or littering our parks, beaches and oceans. There is a very simple policy that could help deal with this increasing plastic pollution from the beverage industry. A national 10 cent deposit on cans and bottles - a 'Cash for Containers' scheme such as proposed by the Boomerang Alliance - is a proven system to effectively eradicate littering and achieve recycling rates of over 90 percent.^{cxlix} In South Australia, where the scheme has successfully operated for over 30 years, recycling rates are almost double that of other states and it supports over a thousand jobs.^{cl} The scheme is also popular, with a Newspann poll from last year finding public support at over 80 percent.^{clii}

Unfortunately, some within the bottling industry, led by Coca Cola Amatil, continue to oppose this successful and proven scheme. In an extraordinary recent move, Coca Cola Amatil, supported by Schweppes and Lion Pty Ltd, took the Northern Territory's year-old 'Cash for Containers' scheme to the Federal court last month in an attempt to undermine it and won. This has thrown the scheme into chaos, despite its obvious success. In just one year the Northern Territory's scheme has seen over 50 million containers recycled - a doubling of recycling rates that also saw 22 recycling depots being opened with many jobs created.^{cliii}

Not all beverage companies are attempting to sabotage the scheme. Notably, Fosters and Diageo are participating in the Northern Territory scheme.^{cliiii} But the behaviour of the "Dirty 3" (Coca Cola

Amatil, Schweppes, and Lion) is a perverse display of placing corporate self-interest above democratic decision making and the public good. The Northern Territory scheme was supported unanimously by the parliament and is extremely popular.

Greenpeace, Clean Up Australia, the Boomerang Alliance, the Total Environment Centre, Take 3, The Two Hands Project and many more community groups have joined forces to highlight the scandalous behavior of Coca Cola and to call on governments around Australia to resist Coke's lobbying and act in the national interest.

In just 2 weeks over 50,000 people have signed an online petition asking governments not to be bullied by Coke and thousands more are taking action by contacting Coca Cola directly^{cliv}.

In Tasmania, the three major parties jointly passed a motion in Parliament in support of a national scheme and committed to introducing a state scheme if a federal agreement is not reached. We need this kind of collaborative approach in the NSW/Vic Parliaments.

We urge you to support the national Cash for Containers scheme at the upcoming COAG meeting, and commit to a state scheme in Queensland if COAG does not support a national one.

If you would like to discuss these matters further, we would welcome the opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

David Ritter
Chief Executive Office
Greenpeace Australia Pacific

Section 78B(2) RTI Act

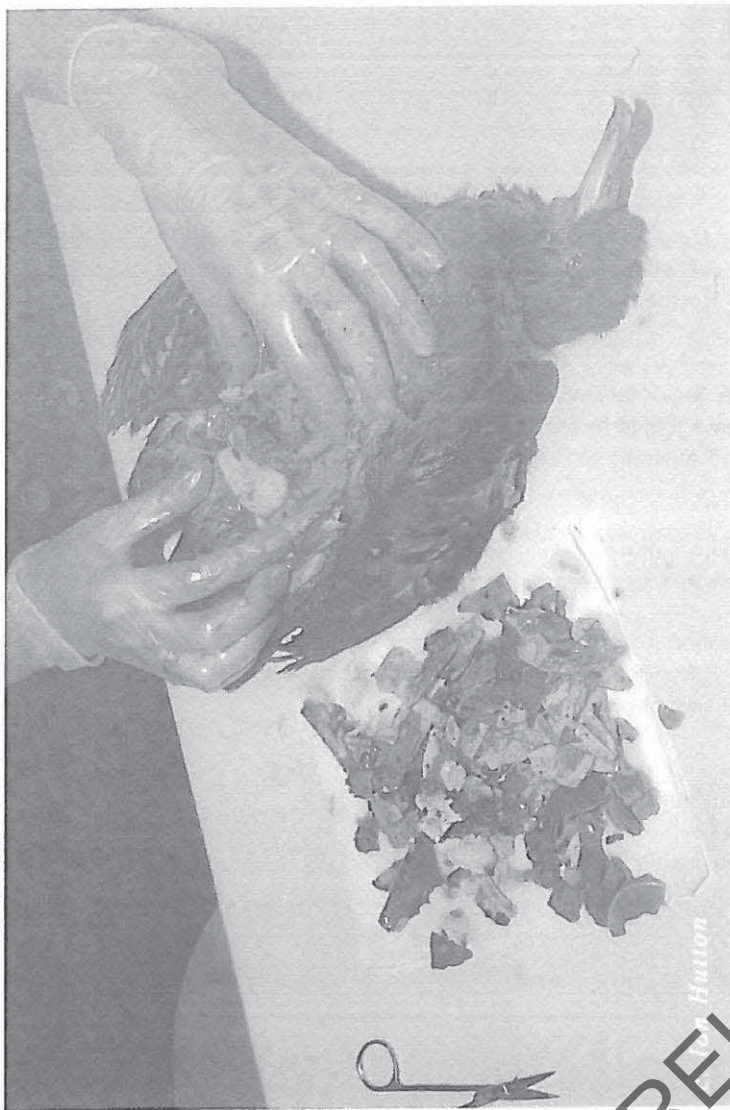
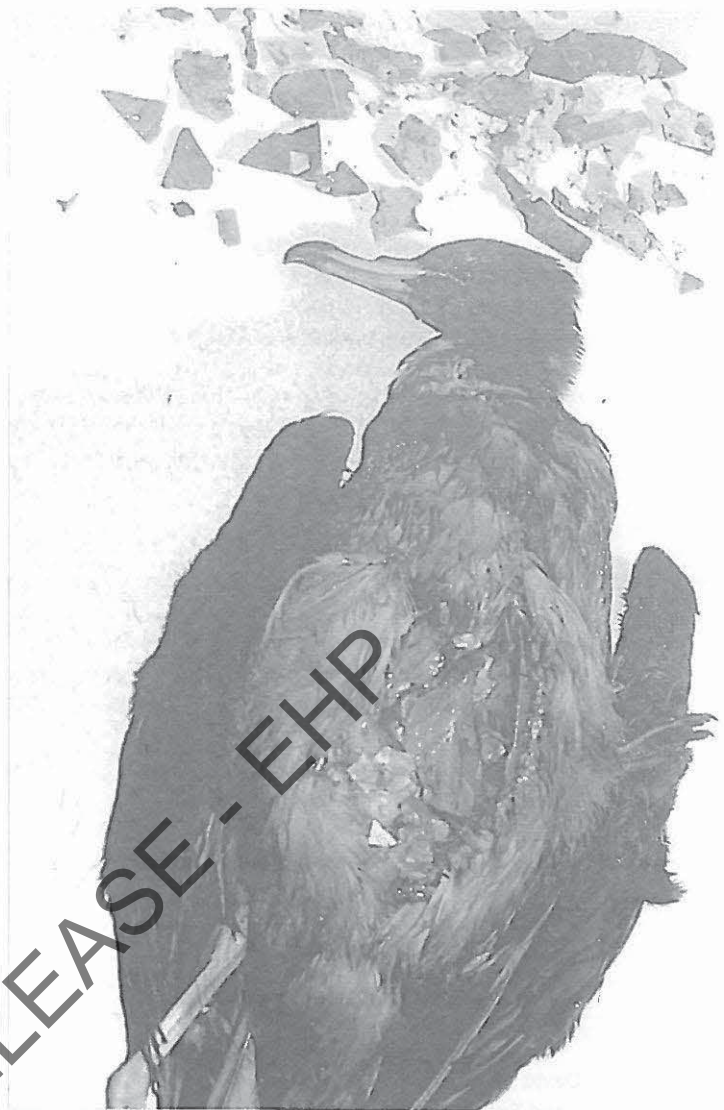
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Endnotes

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- ⁵ Figures are calculated from the Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Standing Council on Environment and Water (SCEW), www.scew.gov.au/strategic-priorities/packaging-impacts.html, pg 3. SCEW sites 19.9 billion rigid containers consumed p.a. taking into account additional products to drinks including shampoo and dishwashing liquids etc, which are not targeted by a CDS. 15 billion is an estimation which excludes non beverage containers from this figure.
- ⁶ Germany sees 90% rates of recycling and Denmark >95%. The rate of recycling in South Australia for beverage containers is above 80% (See: www.epa.sa.gov.au/page.php?page=262). That's close to double the national rate at around 48%.
- ⁷ See: www.epa.sa.gov.au/page.php?page=262
- ⁸ Newpoll survey July 2012, details available at <http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/cash-for-containers/cash-media/91-newpoll-results-reveal-overwhelming-support-for-deposits-on-bottles-and-cans.html>
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- ¹¹ www.stoptrashingaustralia.com





Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

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Mr David Ritter
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Mr Jeff Angel
Executive Director
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Email: jeff.angel@tec.org.au

Dear Mr Ritter and Mr Angel

Thank you for your letter of 13 March 2013 concerning a Cash for Containers recycling scheme.

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 a \$550,000 partnership between the Australian Packaging Covenant and Keep Australia Beautiful and, as a separate initiative, the roll-out of the packaging industry's national bin network in Queensland.

I intend to make Queensland's formal position on the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme known at the Standing Council on Environment and Water meeting in New Zealand on 11 April 2013.

While it is certainly distressing to see wildlife impacted by the effects of human behaviour such as littering, it is not clear that the effects in many circumstances can be attributed to the containers that would be covered under a container deposit scheme. Much of the litter is often plastic bags and other similar items that find their way into the marine environment as a result of people's irresponsible behaviour. These items are not covered by a deposit/refund scheme. The provision of more accessible litter and recycling infrastructure will help provide people with greater opportunity to do the right thing.

I hope this information has been of assistance to you. Should you have further enquiries, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Troy Collings on 3239 0844.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW POWELL MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Frangi Spilsbury

From: Glass House Electorate Office <Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2013 2:22 PM
To: Environment
Subject: FW: Keep Queensland Beautiful

Kind regards

Alaina Megson

Electorate Officer for

HON ANDREW POWELL MP

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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] (3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 20 March 2013 11:51 AM
To: Glass House Electorate Office
Subject: Keep Queensland Beautiful

Dear Minister

May I suggest that you adopt the South Australian policy of the 10c return of bottles and cans for recycling. This state has had this scheme of recycling for a number of years and it has been very successful.

SA does not have a littering problem. If anybody says it increases the price of this type of merchandise they are wrong.

It also encourages children to exchange bottles and cans for cash and save up for little things they might like to purchase for themselves.

Sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 20 March 2013 concerning a container deposit scheme. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection has asked me to respond on his behalf.

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 a \$550,000 partnership between the Australian Packaging Covenant and Keep Australia Beautiful and, as a separate initiative, the roll-out of the packaging industry's national bin network in Queensland.

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.

The Minister hopes this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Elisa Nichols, Acting Executive Director, Reform and Innovation of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on telephone 3330 5988.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Troy Collings
Chief of Staff

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: Glass House Electorate Office <Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 2:59 PM
To: Environment
Subject: FW: Preserving our natural heritage

Good afternoon,

Please see below environment correspondence received by this office. As this is a constituent can you please provide a copy of the response once prepared?

Kind Regards,

Katie Mickelberg
Assistant Electorate Officer for

HON ANDREW POWELL MP
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From: (3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy

Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 8:55 PM

To: Glass House Electorate Office

Subject: Preserving our natural heritage

G'day Andrew,

As the member for the Glass House I'm sure you are aware of the importance in maintaining the pristine nature of our beautiful region. We need to do all that we can to afford this protection and no matter how simple, how unsophisticated a strategy it needs to be implemented. Now this pollution is caused by people and people need to take responsibility for cleaning it up but for some reason the BIG companies have decided that they dont like this idea and used their financial power to out bid the NT Government in court....the democratically elected voice of the people has been over rifdden by BIG BUSINESS! Thats not right is it? I bet you right now they are telling you that their token bin scheme is far better than a CDS BUT South Australia is living proof that a CDS is 80% effective!!!! Cant get those facts wrong....Imagine what a NATIONAL CDS could do for pollution...what it could do for fund raising...Could do for kids wanting to put a few bob in their pockets! Its what I did as a kid...Its a win win situation.....I hope you get behind it. Hooroo

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 5 April 2013 concerning a container deposit scheme to help prevent pollution.

I acknowledge that the South Australian system has been successful in that state. It must be remembered, however, that the South Australian scheme has been in place for nearly 40 years and preceded kerbside recycling systems. The introduction of the scheme in the mid-1970s provided people with the opportunity to recycle where none had existed before – unlike today where the majority of people have access to well-established kerbside recycling services.

The length of time the scheme has been in place in South Australia has allowed the costs of this scheme to be amortised over time. However, the cost-benefit analysis undertaken for the Consultation Regulation Impact Statement identified the container deposit scheme options as the most costly options to implement nationally.

As such, 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 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.

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 certainly indicate that a significant quantity of non-beverage container items end up littered and 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 has been of assistance to you. Should you have further enquiries, please contact my Chief of Staff, Mr Troy Collings on 3239 0844.

Yours sincerely

ANDREW POWELL MP
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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) [redacted] Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 5:04 PM
To: Glass House
Cc: Environment
Subject: Support the Container Deposit Scheme

Dear Mr Powell,

I am a mother of two young children who strongly supports the container deposit scheme.

This program encourages recycling, reduces littering and can provide a small amount of money to those who choose to participate.

Both of my children have been cut by broken beer bottle glass at our local park. I am disgusted at the growing amount of empty beverage containers discarded along our roadsides, rivers and parks.

I sincerely hope that at the Environment Ministers meeting on April 11, the community's interests are represented and a decision is made to proceed with the CDS.

Yours sincerely
[redacted]

RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 1:58 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Support Container Deposit System

Dear Minister Powell,

I'm sure you are aware that environment ministers will soon be making a decision on how to stop 8 billion beverage containers being landfilled or littered every year.

I'm sure you are aware that there is a solution – a 10cent RecycleRefund scheme. Governments must show the public they can stand up to beverage industry's misleading campaign and intimidation tactics. Coca Cola, Lion and Schweppes took the Northern Territory government to court and stopped its Cash for Containers scheme that has recycled 54 million containers in just one year. Their alternative could not achieve this – it's too little, too late – and intended to delay a real solution.

I am also sure that you, like me, want clean beaches, rivers and parks. Therefore we both want effective recycling solutions for the beverage packaging that gets consumed in Queensland. Please, make your government show that it will not be intimidated by the tactics of Coke and its allies.

I understand the Boomerang Alliance's Recycling Refund Scheme will be independent of the beverage companies and non-profit. It will see the price of my favourite beverages only increase by a 10cents deposit and that this amount will be refunded if I return the container to a convenient recycling depot. I also understand that if I don't return my container, my deposit will be used to run recycling operations and litter clean ups. This will:

- significantly lift our recycling rates of glass, plastic and metal beverage containers
- virtually eliminate beverage container litter, including marine pollution
- help charities
- create many new jobs
- create funds for broader litter and recycling programs
- support hundreds of new convenient drop-off centres for other products like batteries and e-waste, as well.

No other option can provide all these benefits.

Please support the Boomerang Alliance and keep Australia (and Queensland) beautiful. We are so lucky to live here and have the amazing nature that we do - let's not stuff it up for you children!

Kind regards,

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 4:59 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: recycling scheme

For gods sake minister if we cannot achieve recycling plastic bottles what hope is there for our children's future,I recently participated in the local member (Lnp) Stephen Bennett's Queensland 30 year plan community consult for the state ,and all members of the groups present(business and agribusiness included) were unanimous in one thing –there needs to be a cessation to the adversarial nature of political parties with regard to environment, education and health portfolios ,in short these are too important for political games. ,and so it follows with this case,vested interests and party finances have no place in policy making for a country,so please vote for keeping Australia a beautiful and healthy place to live,whatever it takes recycling makes sense,the alternatives will be increased health problems for generations to come if responsible elected leaders don't do what needs to be done –lead.,hope I get to see you make this happen by tax,levy or regulation....regards [REDACTED]

RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 1:21 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Hi Andrew - Please support the national container deposit scheme

Hello Andrew,

The time is now for our governments to introduce a national container deposit scheme.

There are many economic, social and ecological positives to a container deposit scheme. In fact, I find it embarrassing that our wonderful nation has yet to adopt such a 'no brainer' scheme that is win win.

Big corporations need to be held responsible for the waste they create. Further, they should support recycling programs instead of using smoke and mirrors to discredit their worth.

Seriously, it's time to stand up and do what is right. I plead with you, please, for the sake of all species, to support a national container deposit scheme.

Kind wishes,

[Redacted Signature]

RTI DL RELEASE - EIR

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 8:12 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Drink cans and botte deposits

Dear Minister

I am 51 years old and have been reading for many years the 5 or 10 cent deposit for South Australian residents for their empty cans, bottles etc and thought what a wonderful idea this must be.

I do remember about 30 years ago around the Mt Gravatt region where I lived, many big cages for cans and bottles - they were nearly always full and that wasn't for any monetary reward. We knew that it was going to be recycled and made into something else and we felt like we were doing something positive for the environment.

Of course, there are recycle bins at home (and some department stores) but I believe if we had a small monetary reward, people would hold onto these cans etc to get a deposit. This would be FANTASTIC for kids too. They could collect them and make some pocket money and help the environment for their future.

Please consider this request and help reduce the amount of destruction in our waterways and to our wildlife.

Kind regards


Mansfield

RTI DL RELEASE - EMP

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 6:01 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container recycling system

Dear environment minister,

I urge you to support a national container recycling system.

We need to create a zero waste future, this is one step in that direction. Please be remembered for seeing reason in supporting the recycling scheme. It will create jobs from the collection and processing of containers,

Sincerely


Brisbane

RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 8:46 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Environment minister re container deposit scheme

Dear Minister,

For many years my husband and I have been tidying up our local streets by collecting bottles and cans left by unthinking tourists on Magnetic Island and dropping them into recycling containers where available. We have have been assured that" the energy saved by recycling 1 aluminium can run a TV set for 3 hours" and that it is cost effective, given that aluminium smelting is very energy intensive.

I would like to ask you to seriously consider supporting the National Container scheme for the following reasons:-

I note that SA has run a successful deposit scheme for years making its constituents proud of their involvement.

Schools, scouts and other children's groups would welcome the opportunity both to increase environmental awareness and to raise cash by cleaning up and recycling

Remember when aspartame was considered a health hazard and the drink companies were asked to use other sweeteners by the Federal Government? It is still present in Coca Cola's products. They flouted a directive and I feel have little consideration for their consumers – and this applies to recycling containers.

We have a number of recent public works in our locality, using PET containers recycled, It is a great pleasure to see these end products.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 9:50 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: My grandchildren

I want a beautiful world for my grandchildren to live in. Reducing the number of bottles currently littering the planet would be a great start!!

Just Peace

Dream always of a peaceful, warless, disarmed world.

RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 12:13 PM
To: Glass House
Cc: Burleigh
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)

Dear Minister Andrew Powell,

Please support the proposal for a Container Deposit Scheme to be introduced across Australia.

Over 40 states & countries including Canada, Germany, New York & California have had a CDS for many years and NOT ONE has ever been disbanded, because A CDS WORKS!

Vested industry interests want to push for a delay, knowing this can will get kicked down the road again unless a stand is taken at this COAG meeting this week.

If Queensland supports a CDS, it has every chance of becoming reality and helping to clean up Australia and massively increase our recycling rates.

Regards,


Burleigh Heads 4220

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 6:32 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container deposit program

Dear Whoever,

I am at a loss to understand Government apathy towards implementing the container Deposit Program when it has been demonstrated to function so well overseas.

During a recent trip to America, I was pleasantly surprised at how free of discarded soft drink containers suburbs, cities and highway verges were. I then had the opportunity to see all of these empty containers being returned to collection centres located in close proximity to grocery supermarkets. After receiving cash payment for the returns in the form of vouchers, these vouchers were then redeemed when paying for grocery purchases.

This clearly demonstrates that the system:

1. works well
2. is embraced by American users without complaint
3. complements recycling
4. most importantly, leaves the environment uncontaminated unnecessarily by countless discarded containers
5. reduces local authority rubbish clean up costs and
6. results in rubbish free, clean areas which are more attractive to tourists than areas like India's Mumbai which, in the extreme, is a sewage pit.

It is an indictment on Australian authorities to continue to disallow deposits to be placed on such containers. It is not as if it has never worked. As a youngster I can remember collecting soft drink bottles to supplement pocket money. There was fierce competition between kids searching for the few bottles which had not been returned to shops for the deposits levied on them and paid by the original consumers.

The only objections being raised to reimplementing the deposit scheme are from companies like Pepsi and Coke-a-Cola who irresponsibly place their unreasonable profits above corporate responsibility to the communities in which their products are ruthlessly promoted.

Consequently,

- I implore the government to immediately effect the necessary legislation which will require a deposit to be placed on all drink containers.
- I also ask those empowered in making this decision not to be swayed by the weak, profit-based arguments against deposits as presented by the companies utilizing these containers for the distribution of their products and to do the responsible job Australians voted them in for.

Thank You for the opportunity of input,

[REDACTED] Burbank, Qld, 4156

Email [REDACTED]

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 9:37 PM
To: Glass House

Vote YES for recycled drink containers.

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 7 April 2013 10:17 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: are you going to introduce deposits on soft drink bottles and cans

Attention Minister for the environment Queensland

I would urge you not to let Coca cola dictate their terms on the deposit system that should be introduced as an Australia wide system, they are a multi national company who think they can control all of you. As our elected representative I urge you to stand and be counted on this very important issue and please urge your fellow ministers to do the same, a unanimous vote from you all would be a great victory, and the stoping of 15,000 bottles and cans from entering our land fill system minute instead of being recycled the savings to the land fill system would enormus.

I can only ask that you give this matter your urgent attention.

Sincerely [REDACTED]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: Glass House Electorate Office <Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 3:31 PM
To: Environment
Subject: FW: National container deposit scheme
Attachments: South Gorge - March 2013, [redacted] (3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Categories: Red Category

Please see below environment correspondence received by this office. We do not require a copy of the response as they are not a constituent.

Katie Mickelberg
Assistant Electorate Officer for

HON ANDREW POWELL MP

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From: [redacted] (3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy

Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 2:37 PM

To: Glass House Electorate Office

Subject: National container deposit scheme

Dear Minister Powell,

I urge you to support the national container deposit scheme as it would go far in reducing the amount of rubbish that is causing major havoc in our natural environment. I am sure you will agree that the wellbeing of our people and our natural environment is much more important than how much money goes into Coca cola's pockets. I have attached a photo taken at South Gorge on North Stradbroke Island a few weeks ago. Most of this rubbish was brought up from the mainland on the north-running currents. It is despicable and easily remedied by making sure there is an adequate and efficient filtering system all the way down our rivers to the storm drains leading into the ocean. NSW has been managing this problem effectively for years in many seaside towns and there is NO excuse for Queensland to be lagging so far behind.

I beg you to PLEASE support the national container deposit scheme as it will go a long way towards cutting down on the amount of rubbish that is washed out to sea.

Thank you very much,

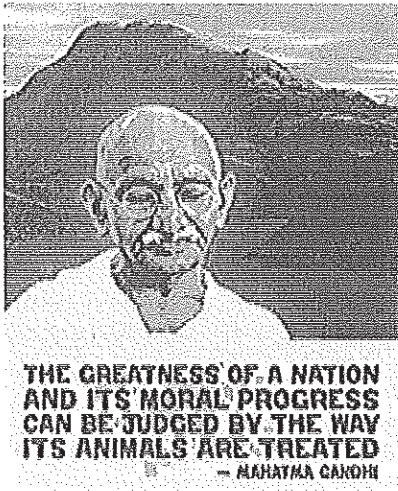
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From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 1:24 PM
To: Glass House; Environment
Subject: RE: National Container Deposit Scheme
Attachments: Main Beach Rubbish 2 24.02.13 -ataglance.com.au.jpg; Main Beach Rubbish 1 - 24.03.13 - ataglance.com.au.jpg

Dear Hon Andrew Powell

I encourage you to support a national container deposit scheme at the coming COAG meeting. It is imperative that the amount of plastic is reduced in our natural environment.

Marine plastic sourced from Australia is killing seabirds that breed on Australia's islands.

The Lord Howe Island Flesh-footed Shearwater, *Puffinus carneipes* population is in rapid decline, with numbers halved since 1978.

In 2012 Ian Hutton flushed the stomachs of fifty chicks on the island and **every** chick had some plastic, many with such large amounts that they will die of starvation.

Preliminary investigations in 2012 by Krista Verlis and Dr Scott Wilson on **Heron Island** revealed that plastic debris is a problem in the Great Barrier Reef and is impacting upon nesting seabird species through ingestion of plastic by Wedge-tailed Shearwaters, *Ardenna pacifica*. Further studies are continuing.

I have attached two **recent photos** that should shock us all. They are of **Main Beach, Stradbroke Island**, most of the debris comes from councils to the south of the island. The beach is 28km long and is covered in plastic marine debris as well as are the island's smaller beaches.

I strongly urge you to support a container deposit scheme. All avenues to reduce plastic in the environment need to be explored. How many more marine animals and seabirds need to suffer and die before action is taken?

To not care diminishes us as humans as we are responsible for the wellbeing of wildlife and our fellow humans.

The banning of single use plastic bags is also essential. Please also consider urgent action on this issue.

Do not let big business control our natural environment to which we all belong.

For further information see: http://www.birdsqueensland.org.au/plastics_seabirds.php

Yours sincerely

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Conservation Group
Birds Queensland

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) [redacted] Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 7:21 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Recycling

Please be aware that we are in favour of recycling as many items as possible and would welcome a deposit glass containers. [redacted] Bundaberg

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 8:33 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Support a national CDS

Hi,

I am writing to indicate my support for a national Container Deposit Scheme to be implemented as proposed by the Boomerang Alliance. From working in the waste management field for several years I understand the benefits of such a scheme from both an environmental and social perspective and have also seen the fatal flaws in the away from home recycling scheme and do not feel it will ever achieve the outcomes the public expects.

Regards,

[Redacted]
James Cook University, Angus Smith Drive, Douglas, QLD 4811

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 9:29 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Please vote yes for a national C.D.S.

Dear Environment Minister,

I have just spent last weekend driving a giant plastic drink bottle up the Hume Highway from Melbourne to Sydney.

Everywhere we stopped people of all ages spontaneously expressed their support for container deposits, in the towns, at petrol stations, etc.

The only thing greater than this support was the number of cans and bottles lying littered along the side of the Hume.

Interstate and international experience shows that only container deposits can fix this problem. If another solution existed this problem would have been fixed years ago.

Please support the community and vote yes for a national container deposit system.

Kind Regards,



Vic. 3782



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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 5:09 AM
To: Robyn.Parker@parliament.nsw.gov.au; ryan.smith@parliament.vic.gov.au; Glass House; Minister.Jacob@dpc.wa.gov.au; peter.chandler@nt.gov.au; corbell@act.gov.au; ministerhunter@sa.gov.au
Subject: Please set up a nationwide container recycling system

I strongly urge all governments of Australia, State and Federal, to work together to set up a National container recycling program. The benefits are clear, there are significant environmental benefits as well as social benefits. I am sick of seeing plastic dumped into our environment killing our wildlife and killing our oceans. A national recycling program will bring the nation on board to be responsible for managing this damaging waste, it will also provide the opportunity for financial saving skills to be taught to kids and may even provide some needed income to low income earners. It is not right that vested interests who's only interest is shareholder profit can dictate what is best for our country and our environment. Please act decisively on this and don't let big business push the agenda. Please implement a national container recycling program as a matter of priority.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 8:02 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container Deposits

Having lived in country SA for over 20 years I have personally seen the benefits of having a deposit scheme on drinking containers. The roadsides are clear of mess thrown from car windows because people get out to gather it all up on a regular basis but more importantly the people of SA tend to store and then take their collection to a recycling depot to collect the return money thus making the roadsides generally a lot cleaner. The general opinion it is those who come from interstate or those who simply don't give a damn that leave mess on the roadsides.

The State Environment Ministers should be setting an example to the general public and getting this scheme working all around Australia and NOT letting the minority of people – big business - rule this country of ours. Quite frankly I'd like to see our elected politicians show big business who actually runs this country as I am quite certain I didn't vote for them to run my country.

[REDACTED]
Chermside West Qld

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 1:47 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Australia needs a container deposit scheme

I am writing to seek your support in a nationwide container deposit scheme. It just makes good sense - socially, environmentally, and yes, even economically! Resources aren't infinite and encouragement for smarter use and re-use is required. I hope that you will support the Boomerang Alliance's quest for a Container Deposit Scheme.

With regards
[REDACTED]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 8 April 2013 6:07 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: CDS campaign

Please bring the CDS system in to Qld. People are more easily convinced they are doing some good, if they are paid for a deposit on bottles and cans.

Yours sincerely,
[REDACTED]

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From: sch4p3(3) [redacted] Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 9:56 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Recycling

Minister, We urge you to support the move for national recycling.

We have lived in South Australia and know first hand how well the scheme works. Highways, and streets are much cleaner and children take on board the message by way of earning pocket money. [redacted]

Sent from my iPad

RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 9:57 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Containers

Hi, just a quick email to encourage you to support a national container deposit system.

Thank you.

RTI DL RELEASE - EHP

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 7:44 PM
To: Environment; Glass House
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

Dear Minister Powell

I urge you please to support a Container Deposit Scheme for Queensland. I don't know why it is that people who eat and drink junk food and drink are also compelled to junk their environment by chucking bottles, cans and food containers out of their car windows but it seems it is so. I am sure a Container Deposit Scheme would help to reduce the quantity of litter considerably. It has worked in South Australia so why can't it work in Queensland and the rest of Australia?

Yours sincerely



Toowoomba Qld 4350

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ministerhunter@sa.gov.au; Brian.Wightman@dpac.tas.gov.au
Subject: CDS Scheme

Dear Ministers,

I have been advised by Boomerang Alliance that environment ministers are meeting next week, on April 11, presumably to discuss policy. I would like to express my concerns regarding current practices and suggest my views in what would be beneficial from a legislative point of view.

Everything we do, from mining to manufacture to consumption and finally to disposal has an effect on the environment. Our economy demands constant growth to be successful, yet we live in a finite world. To coin a phrase, there is no planet B, so we have to start the process of reigning in waste and pollution and introduce sustainable practices if our consumer based society is to continue to thrive. Otherwise our demise is sealed. Period.

A great place to start would be to introduce Federal Legislation which transfers the cost of disposal, (or recycling as the case may be) back to the manufacturer/supplier, (hence the consumer). A national CDS scheme would be a relatively easy way to start the process managing the end product of drink and similar containers, which are currently nothing more than useless and often polluting waste that litter our streets, waterways, oceans and landfills. This could be a great starting point for the monumental task of changing many of our practices that are far from optimum, thus giving our future a chance at least. I pray that despite the obvious and self interested protests of the big players who supply our consumer goods, sense will prevail and a national CDS scheme, as a relatively simple start, is a possibility.

I have included a link to a short trailer of a documentary that is in production. It is brief and powerful, the best I have ever seen. As ministers for the environment it would be well worth watching as it touches on the modern day tragedy that is gradually unfolding on our wonderful planet. Government policies that legislate the management of consumer based goods from manufacturing to disposal/re-use /recycle could go a long way towards solving this particular critical issue.

Regards,

[Redacted]
Albany Creek QLD, 4035

<http://www.midwayfilm.com>

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From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 11:15 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Dear Minister,

When I was young in NSW, all glass bottles sold with soft drink in them were subject to a deposit.

While this was a poor cousin to the more expansive Container Deposit Scheme being proposed now, it certainly provided an opportunity for me to see first-hand how simple it was to operate such a scheme and I can assure you, as a member of a not too well to do family, we made sure that none of our bottles and therefore deposits, were wasted.

In a society where waste and rubbish are too much the norm, it is necessary to give those less considerate of the environment and our natural resources, the necessary push to ensure that recyclable and or reusable containers are not consigned to the ever mounting piles of rubbish. If those less caring individuals also care less about the financial penalty of disposing of containers by the wayside, in bins etc, a Container Deposit Scheme will encourage the less advantaged to pick up after these miscreants and earn themselves what, in many cases, will be sorely needed cash.

I urge you to ignore the self-centred, greedy and environmentally ignorant cries of big business and to support a broad ranging national Container Deposit Scheme. A walk along any street, beach, river or bush track will demonstrate the need for such a scheme and convince you of the worthy purpose of the proposal.

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ministerhunter@sa.gov.au; Brian.Wightman@dpac.tas.gov.au;
peter.chandler@nt.gov.au

Dear Ministers

I am travelling through Germany at present, and here is a country where the Government mandates environmental efficiency measures to businesses and the public alike!

One of the biggest visual demonstrations of this is their container refund system. Most of these bottles get not only deposited for refund, but re-used, rather than simply recycled.

It makes society feel empowered; that their everyday lives are less wasteful.

I urge you to push for a national container refund system. It is time to stop Australia being an outpost for environmentally irresponsible companies.

[REDACTED] Sydney.

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 8:19 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: RE: cash 4 containers

Dear Minister,

For seven years I was employed by the Keep Australia Beautiful Council of Queensland [REDACTED]. In addition to judging 330 Tidy Towns annually, I also initiated the introduction of a recycling award for QLD and personally conducted a 'litter count' every three months of about 50 sites in six different categories. Beverage containers were a high percentage of public place litter. I well remember and agree with the slogan "QUEENSLAND, BEAUTIFUL ONE DAY-PERFECT THE NEXT"; not littered the next. QLD has a better record than WA but I know we can all do better.

While a resident of QLD, I lived at Beachmere in the Shire of Caboolture.

Having created and operated a number of rural recycling centres in WA and QLD also co-ordinated numerous Clean Up Australia Day events in both states, I urge that you consider the introduction of a Container Deposit Scheme, also known as CASH FOR CONTAINERS.

A large portion of litter on roadsides and other public places comprises beverage containers. Some of these such as glass bottles are not only a problem in our environment but are also a cause of injuries to people. Glass bottles are the most common of our hazardous wastes. Many shires now direct glass bottles to landfill. Contactors for Bunbury City Council and the surrounding shires remove glass bottles from kerbside recycling bins and take the glass to landfill.

15 years ago the Liberal WA Min for Environment, Cheryl Edwardes will be remembered for two of her main aims which I also share:

To make recycling more accessible than waste disposal.

To have no waste to landfill by 2020.

Sadly, instead of progressing towards these aims, an increasing volume of potential recyclables are being directed to landfill. It is my belief that a CASH FOR CONTAINERS scheme will help to meet these aims as well as minimising litter in public places.

It is embarrassing to be regularly reminded that we in WA have the worst recycling rates and the worst litter problem of all Australian states which does not go unnoticed when visitors to WA come to observe our unique wildflowers.

In [REDACTED] appointed me to [REDACTED] Advisory Council On Waste Management and later to the WA Waste Management Board, now known as WA Waste Authority.

Yours sincerely

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Frangi Spillsbury

From: Andrew Powell
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 2:21 PM
To: Environment
Cc: Troy Collings; Fiona Procter
Subject: Fwd: Container Deposit Scheme

Hi Frangi

Pls forward to Gary for Dept response.

Ta
Andrew

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <Andrew.Powell@parliament.qld.gov.au>
From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Date: 6 April 2013 3:04:35 PM AEDT
To: "Andrew.Powell@parliament.qld.gov.au" <Andrew.Powell@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

Andrew

I am writing to urge you to support a Container Deposit Scheme.

Local Governments, State Governments and our national government have spent considerable funds directly and indirectly into reducing littering and encouraging recycling with nothing or little to show for the expenditure.

SA has container deposit legislation and the NT and I know the benefits from SA are significant and well documented.

Also the lack of container deposit scheme means that glass products in particular are thinner and so break more readily into shards that cause harm to humans and the environment and prevent the ability to be recycled. This is a perverse incentive to make containers with limited life cycle, the antithesis of what should be happen.

I urge you to think beyond the short term economic arguments and support this national movement.

Regards,



Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 5:26 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Refund Scheme for beverage containers

Dear Minister,

I grew up in South Australia and have seen how a cash-for-containers scheme can work successfully. I have also now lived in Queensland for nearly 20 years and am always shocked when I land at Coolangatta airport and see 100s of empty plastic water bottles being thrown away in non-recyclable rubbish bins. Every plane load of Asian tourists dump their free water bottles in the bin. All of this is destined for land fill. We must do better and I believe a container deposit scheme is that way forward.

Environment ministers will soon be making a decision on how to stop 8 billion beverage containers being landfilled or littered every year.

There's a solution – a 10cent RecycleRefund scheme. Governments must show the public they can stand up to beverage industry's misleading campaign and intimidation tactics. Coca Cola, Lion and Schweppes took the Northern Territory government to court and stopped its Cash for Containers scheme that has recycled 54 million containers in just one year. Their alternative could not achieve this – it's too little, too late – and intended to delay a real solution.

I want clean beaches, rivers and parks. I want effective recycling solutions for the beverage packaging I consume.

It is crucial your government show it will not be intimidated by the tactics of Coke and its allies.

I understand the Boomerang Alliance's Recycling Refund Scheme will be independent of the beverage companies and non-profit. It will see the price of my favourite beverages only increase by a 10cents deposit and that this amount will be refunded if I return the container to a convenient recycling depot. I also understand that if I don't return my container, my deposit will be used to run recycling operations and litter clean ups. This will:

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Yours sincerely,

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 6:41 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Recycling deposit

Dear Sir/Madam,

I urge you to sign up to the proposed 10 cents recycling deposit for cans.

Thanks for your consideration of this,

[REDACTED]
Nelly Bay, Queensland 4819,
Australia.
[REDACTED]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 6:35 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: National Container Deposit System

Dear MInister

I am writing to urge you to give strong support to a national Container Deposit System. A Container Deposit System has been shown to strongly encourage recycling of containers in South Australia. A tried and tested idea of this kind should be immediately rolled out across the country as it stands to benefit Australians and our local environments. We have a choice: support fellow Australians and our environment, or support companies such as Coca Cola who are not demonstrating any interest in addressing the environmental pollution that follows from their business. It's clear we need to respond in favour of Australia. I urge you to do this in the strongest possible way.

Yours sincerely



Highgate Hill 4101

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 7:12 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: NATIONAL CDS

Please insist on a National CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME. Our country, our children and our future deserve this. If you genuinely believe that NOT having a CDS is defensible then please email me. I would appreciate your opinion.

The stance that a CDS is not enough, not effective or not popular is not acceptable to me. Please try harder.

[REDACTED]
Mackay
[REDACTED]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 7:32 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: National CDS

Dear Representative,

Tax payers like you and I are currently footing the bill to collect obsolete products and recycle used packaging.

Because of this, manufacturers design products with planned obsolescence and packaging without due consideration for the environmental impact it causes after use.

If manufacturers (brand owners) were responsible for the cost of their waste and the impact their waste has on the environment after consumer use, they would design products that last longer and economic systems that are more robust in today's new financial climate.

As the full cost of a product's lifecycle would be considered it is likely the consumer price of all products will go up, especially those without regard for efficient recycling, but it will be a competitive level playing field and will encourage better design as this will save manufacturers money.

There would be less pressure on all tax payers to foot the bill for rubbish disposal and recycling of other people's waste as this will be paid for by manufacturers instead of government. So when including the cost of waste, it will cost the average consumer less to buy and dispose of products.

Modelling has shown that the long term cost of products will go down due to better design and Australian tax payers will not have to pay for waste caused by bad design as this would become the responsibility of manufacturers rather than government. The environmental implications are also enormous.

The National Container Deposit Scheme, although not perfect, is the best opportunity Australia has to take a step in the right direction, to regain public control of our domestic trade from international corporate bullies.

Australian consumers are happy to pay pollution deposits on products to ensure they do not become waste and cost tax payers money.

This is an opportunity to enhance the economic and ecological future of Australia. Strong government leadership and foresight will be respected in global investment sectors through this period of economic contraction. Not only can Australia afford to do this, we can't afford not to.

Please endorse the National CDS.

Kind Regards,



Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 6:43 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container deposits

Dear Minister

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Regards

[REDACTED]

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 7:13 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: container deposit system

Dear Minister

I urge you to consider a deposit scheme. It's not a new initiative, we had a return scheme like this in England when I was a girl and it worked really well for milk and soft drink bottles.

Kind regards


Keperra Q4054

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 7:48 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container Deposit System

Dear QLD parliament,

I have noticed that litter is becoming harder to prevent due to our use of single-use plastic bottles. People need more incentive to recycle this resource. If beverage companies do not want to incur the cost of a container refund then they will have incentive to find other methods of distributing drinks. Our marine and coastal wildlife is suffering. Please support a National Container Deposit System in Parliament.

Kind Regards

Manly, NSW 2095

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 7:32 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container Deposit System

To whom it may concern,

Australia needs a national container deposit system. Australians feel very strongly about this and we all need to take action to help our beautiful country stay beautiful.

Thankyou for your time.

[REDACTED]
Miami, Gold Coast, Queensland.

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Frangi Spillsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 10:23 AM
To: Glass House
Cc: container recycling campaign
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

ATTENTION: Minister for the Environment

It is with great concern that I write to you regarding the proposed introduction of a national container deposit scheme.

The recent action taken by Coca Cola to prevent the Northern Territory government from implementing such a scheme is deplorable and we must not let the polluters such as Coc Cola dictate government policy. There is no reason the believe their assertions that it will decrease their profits are correct. Even if it does affect their profit margin they are the ones who should pay the price for the pollution they cause.

I strongly urge you to support a national container deposit scheme when ministers meet on 11 April, I believe.

Please provide me with an assurance that your support for a container deposit will be forthcoming.

Regards

[Redacted]
[Redacted] Tully Qld 4854
Australia
[Redacted]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 12:02 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

Dear Minister,

I most strongly urge you to support a National Container Deposit Scheme when you meet with your fellow Ministers. I have seen the benefits of such a scheme in South Australia and seen the mountains of litter in Queensland on the side of our roads, in parks, on the banks of our waterways and on our beaches.

Not only will a container deposit scheme see the our beautiful environment become even more beautiful, it will save many animals from death, save dollars in litter collection and improve recycling.

Don't listen to the arguments of those who produce the beverages whose containers constitute the majority of the litter.

Sincerely

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 4:33 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

To the QLD State Government

Please support the Container Deposit Scheme as it will help clean up the environment from bottles and containers, most Australians I talk to are in support of the scheme. I am disappointed that Coca Cola and other companies are trying to stop this idea and the way I see it Coca Cola and others are trying to dictate policy to Governments, Companies that produce these containers should show some sort of accountability. Nearly every were you drive or visit has plastic bottles and rubbish laying around and on beaches and in rivers. Container Deposit Schemes would help charities and help clean up the environment which at the moment is not getting the attention that it needs in Australia.

Yours Sincerely


South Granton
NSW 2460

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 2:17 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

To whom it may concern,

I read with great dismay that Coke is not supporting plans for a national container deposit scheme. I find this very disheartening considering that they are a company creating so many containers that end up in our creeks and oceans as pollution, killing wildlife and as landfill in our already overflowing dumps!

I am hoping the Qld Government will support plans for a national container scheme. It's a win win for so many reasons...

- 1 the environment
- 2 community groups that can make \$ out of collecting containers
- 3 councils that don't need to spend \$s building new dumps and collecting rubbish.
- 4 the community who want to be able to do something practical for our environment.

I hope you will be able to assist this important initiative.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) [redacted] Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 6:42 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Cash for containers

On 11 April, in the interest of our environment, please vote for a national Cash for Containers. At present industry is pressing for an indefinite delay. Don't let Coca Cola govern Australia.

[redacted]
Esk 4312 Queensland.

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 9:20 PM
To: Environment
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: container recycling

Dear Mr Powell,

I would like to voice my support for a container recycling program in this State, similar to the likes of South Australia and the one recently challenged by Coca Cola and others in the Northern Territory.

The outcome of the NT court proceedings has outraged everyday Australians and there is now an unprecedented campaign to support a National recycling scheme. I trust that your department and the Newman Government take this very seriously, something that might even repair the recent Government's tarnished environmental performance.

A scheme of incentivised recycling is long overdue. It generally works very well in States and countries where it has been adopted for some time. This is a fact. I hope you plan to implement such a scheme soon.

regards,

[REDACTED]
Albany Creek QLD 4035
Australia

[REDACTED]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 6 April 2013 3:06 PM
To: ryan.smith@parliament.vic.gov.au
Cc: Robyn.Parker@parliament.nsw.gov.au; Glass House; Minister.Jacob@dpc.wa.gov.au; peter.chandler@nt.gov.au; corbell@act.gov.au; ministerhunter@sa.gov.au; Brian.Wightman@dpac.tas.gov.au
Subject: We support a National Container Deposit System

[REDACTED]
Mallacoota, Vic 3892
6th April 2013

Dear Minister Ryan Smith

We both strongly support the introduction of deposits on bottles for Victoria and Nationally. There are many environmental and social reasons why the amount of waste containers should be drastically reduced. These have been well advocated in the media and by many Victorian communities who want a National Container Deposit System. We do not believe that large international companies such as Coca Cola should dictate their terms to Victorians.

We implore you to convey our wishes to the meeting of Environmental Ministers next week.

Yours respectively
[REDACTED]

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Hon Andrew Powell M.P.
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection



Box 2454
G.P.O.
Brisbane. Qld 4001

11th April 2013

Dear Mr Powell,

To reinforce how seriously I take the issue of the need for a 'cash for containers' scheme throughout Australia, but particularly in Queensland, I am following up the email my husband and I sent you yesterday with this letter and a printed copy of the main text of our email.

As in previous letters to you on this matter, I continue to urge you to act positively to improve our environment and benefit the people you represent in your ministerial role in the numerous other ways listed in the printed text.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] INALA QLD 4077

EMAIL [REDACTED]

HELP WIN THE BATTLE AGAINST COCA COLA AND FOR CONTAINER DEPOSITS

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: Environment
Subject: FW: Office of Andrew Powell MP

From: Glass House Electorate Office [<mailto:Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au>]
Sent: Monday, 15 April 2013 4:17 PM
To: Environment
Subject: Office of Andrew Powell MP

Good afternoon,

Please see attached environment correspondence received by this office. We do not require a copy of the response as they are not constituents.

Kind Regards,

Katie Mickelberg
Assistant Electorate Officer for

HON ANDREW POWELL MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection
Member for Glass House

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From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 13 April 2013 10:35 PM
To: 'Hartsuyker, Luke (MP)'
Cc: Glass House
Subject: RE: Container Deposit Scheme

Thankyou Luke for bothering to reply, and for giving me an explanation of the next steps. It would be wonderful to see some real action instead of a continuation of talkfest.

The cold fact of Western culture is we only care about that which has a price in the market place. The way you can make Australians care about containers is to put a price on them.

You and your colleagues have a huge opportunity to set an example right now. Lead other countries around the world (not that we'd be the first) by action to reduce the plastic problem which is blighting our oceans .

I've heard all the tripe from Queensland's responsible minister, who appears to be in the pocket of the packaging industry. "More bins" – when people are too stupid, lazy or arrogant to bother using the ones within metres of where they drop their bottle / can. Publicity – I don't buy this as a solution either when I see cubic metres of filth after Clean Up Australia Day.

I'm not interested in hearing that the coalition is committed to making a real difference – I'm interested in seeing my streets, waterways and the rural roads I sometimes use MUCH cleaner than they are right now. ACTION NOT TALK THANKS. And I'm hoping for action that makes the packaging and drink manufacturers accountable if necessary – they are part of the problem and should be part of the solution.

Cheers,

From: Hartsuyker, Luke (MP) [mailto:Luke.Hartsuyker.MP@aph.gov.au]
Sent: Friday, 12 April 2013 2:34 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Container Deposit Scheme

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email regarding the proposed container deposit levy on bottles.

The matter was discussed at the recent COAG Meeting between the State Environment Ministers across Australia who have drafted a Decision Regulation Impact Statement (DRIS), where the issue will be scrutinised in detail. They are due to report back later this month to the new Standing Council of Environment and Water.

At this stage, none of the States have indicated which way they will go on the matter and will await the recommendations from the DRIS. There is much work to be done in assessing the environmental benefits and the financial impacts of a container deposit levy and we are monitoring the debate closely.

The Coalition is committed to making a real difference in keeping our environment clean, reducing litter and increasing the level of recycling.

We will do what we can to achieve that outcome and build upon existing infrastructure within the recycling industry.

Thank you for your input into this important policy issue.

Yours sincerely,

Luke Hartsuyker MP
The Nationals' Federal Member for Cowper

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Tuesday, 2 April 2013 7:11 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

All,

Here is a short 9-slide show (not many words). I hope you'll take some time to have a quick look at it, and give serious consideration to voting in support of the national implementation of a CDS.

I believe 20c per container is a much more attractive deposit to ensure recovery of bottles, than the widely proposed 10c.

There is talk of alternative schemes. The idea of "more bins" is at the centre of these. This is a FAIL. I've witnessed, within 5 metres of BOTH a normal waste and recycle bin (permanent bins on Kingsford Smith Drive, Hamilton, Qld) multiple discarded bottles.

There are roads in Queensland (Emerald to Blackwater) where I reckon there is a bottle per metre.

Australia needs a program that will motivate people to recover plastic.

The planet needs our leadership to reduce the horrendous harm done to birds, marine life and the oceans in general.

Cheers,

[REDACTED]

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: Glass House Electorate Office <Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2013 4:20 PM
To: Environment
Subject: Office of Andrew Powell MP - Container deposit corro received

Good afternoon,

Please find attached environment correspondence received by this office. As they are not constituents we do not require a copy of the response.

Kind Regards,

Katie Mickelberg
Assistant Electorate Officer for

HON ANDREW POWELL MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection
Member for Glass House

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2013 10:46 AM
To: Glass House
Subject: Please speak for us

Hello Minister,

I am writing to request that you represent the wishes of the myself and the other residents of Qld as you meet together across the nation with other Environment Ministers. Please champion us as you do and support the proposal for a National container deposit scheme to bring the rest of the Nation in alignment with SA where evidence now shows that the coast line of SA has significantly less litter and less wildlife dead due to ingestion and entanglement in container litter and they boast an 80% return rate for containers as opposed to our possibly 30% despite approx 15 yrs of recycling education and public awareness as to how to recycle.

I am keenly aware my local city council currently spends vast budgets on either cleaning up these wastes, attempts to educate residents about correct recycling and how to prevent load spoiling when recycling is not occurring properly. I am also aware of the lack of budget allocated towards cleaning up areas of sensitivity in SE Qld under the State Government jurisdiction.

The 10c deposit return system promoted by the Boomerang Alliance shows a valuable easily implimented plan that I am confident that would have the support of a great number of groups, schools etc. I work with on a daily basis.

As a professional and vounteer environmental educator, and long term Clean up Australia Day volunteer coordinator, I am old enough to remember the days prior to the plastic drink bottle and curbside recycling when a similar system existed for glass bottles here in Qld. It had me and my friends 'earning extra pocket money' collecting and returning others cast aways from parks and streets and was promptly spent at local store keeping the money in community!

Even back then it made sense, how much more so now with plastic drink containers comprising between 50-75% of what we regularly collect from our creeks and beaches each year and as research shows our turtles and seabirds die due to plastic ingestion, and our commercial fish bioaccumulate toxic thalates and organic compounds that bond to plastic fragments they mistakenly eat.

I urge you to back this move to this scheme that will not only provide excellent almost immediate benefit to our internationally significant Moreton Bay, its waterways and creeks and beaches and the wildlife that inhabit them, but it will also provide additional social support to both charities and the disadvantaged or disenfranchised in our society, providing them with a potential income source and Councils and Governments with effectively a 'free clean up service' as people take advantage of the deposit available for returned waste conatiners left by others.

All it would take is you listening and acting on our behalf, the consumers and voters, and not on the behalf of the wealthy corporations who would seek to have you believe that customers wont pay for this change - the fact is we already are through the increased rates, management costs etc.

This puts the cost back where real and significant outcomes can be achieved and in the money back in the hands of those who deserve it.

Thankyou again for being a strong voice on our behalf,
Yours sincerely,

The possibilities are endless...
Be the change you wish to see - M. Gandhi

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Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

Ref CTS 08388/13

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Subject: Office of Andrew Powell MP - Container deposit corro received

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From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Tuesday, 16 April 2013 5:52 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: cds

you need a 10 cent container deposit scheme in qld you should put
pressure on state and federal governments this scheme works well sa since 1975 10 cent container deposit
scheme will help everybody I don't agree with coke on what they did with nt government we must put coke in its
place [REDACTED]

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From: 'Andrew Powell website ' <info@andrewpowell.com.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 17 April 2013 9:31 PM
To: Glass House
Subject: andrewpowell.com.au - get in touch

Name: [REDACTED]

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Phone [REDACTED]

Suburb: Marcoola

Issues:

Message: How disgusting.

Your Government doesn't have the balls to stand up to cocacola and introduce a proper container recycling system, but then gives away \$40,000 saved from sacking people, to a profitable multinational, that should have been recycling its own waste anyway.

You people haven't got a clue.

Just look below to see what others are saying now.

Honestly, as minister for the environment, you are a toothless waste of space.

You ought to be ashamed.

We have become used to newman's constant cry of "we do not have the money to do this" but somehow he has \$40,000 to help a multinational company do what any responsible corporate citizen would have done years ago. It should not be the taxpayer paying junk food peddlers to clean up their rubbish. The junk food peddlers should be charged for the cost of cleaning up the mess they help create.

Commenter

[REDACTED]
Location

Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:32PM

Is it April the 1st again already?

Commenter

[REDACTED]
Location

[REDACTED]
Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:34PM

Comment of the day! Thank you.

Commenter

[REDACTED]
Location

[REDACTED]
Date and time

April 17, 2013, 4:14PM

Close down or starve for cash vital health facilities and then give money to profitable multi-national corporates for something they should be paying for themselves, and would, were they good corporate citizens. Welcome back to the future.....Don't you worry about that!

Commenter

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Location
[REDACTED]

Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:35PM

Is this real? Is this retrospective funding? The KFC stores I have visited, already have them.

Commenter
[REDACTED]

Location
[REDACTED]

Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:35PM

Is this a joke. Is this the same government that has been slashing every program it can that helps those most in need because we are supposed to be broke. But can find cash to give to a multinational corporation. Wake up Queensland get rid of this rabble...

Commenter
[REDACTED]

Location
[REDACTED]

Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:37PM

This is a complete farce! They're cutting services we actually need in Queensland and giving money to KFC?

Commenter
[REDACTED]

Location
[REDACTED]

Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:38PM

wow - giving hard earned taxpayer money to a multi-national company who are more than able to afford their own recycle bins. Well that gives KFC \$40,000 more profit which they can invest in marketing to encourage chubby queenslanders eat more fried food.

Commenter
[REDACTED]

Location
[REDACTED]

Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:40PM

this government would not know a funding priority if it bit them on the backside.

Commenter
[REDACTED]

Location
[REDACTED]

Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:41PM

Surely this is duplication of services and does a multinational corporation really need help with this? More ridiculous policy priorities from the 2 tunnels team.

Commenter

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Date and time

April 17, 2013, 3:47PM

Read more: <http://www.brisbanetimes.com.au/queensland/newman-government-gives-40000-to-kfc-to-help-install-recycling-bins-20130417-2hzy.html#ixzz2QidCXJpk>

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Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2013 1:25 PM
To: Environment

You have got to be ***** kidding me.

I AGREE

Deputy Opposition Leader Tim Mulherin told the ABC that taxpayers should not be giving their money to a multinational giant to recycle its own waste.

"This Government has twisted priorities," he said.

"On one hand they will take away from organisations that help the needy within our community, on the other hand give \$40,000 to a multinational company.

"This company isn't struggling - this company should do the right thing without having to get \$40,000 from the Government."

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Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2013 8:51 PM
To: Environment
Cc: Glass House; Ashgrove; thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au
Subject: Container Deposit Scheme

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Dear Mr Powell,

I heard you on the ABC Radio this morning trying to explain the process behind the state government giving \$40,000 to KFC to improve the recycling of their containers.

Given your support for this, can you please tell me how you and Premier Campbell Newman are supporting the proposed national Container Deposit Scheme being discussed at COAG?

Look forward to your reply,

Regards,

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From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Sunday, 21 April 2013 1:55 PM
To: Glass House Electorate Office
Subject: Response to Jenny Pickles Arguments - Container Deposit Scheme

Hi Andrew,

From the ABC story on the West Australian government's position re: the Container Deposit Scheme (please note the detail in points 3 and 4):

Notice:

1. Albert Jacobs, WA Environment Minister says "At this stage we are very much a part of that process (COAG) and don't want to pre-judge what comes out at the end of it" - albert.jacob@mp.wa.gov.au
2. "soft drinks companies in this state have been distributing petitions opposing such a move in WA" - well that's not the only thing they've been doing
3. Jenny Pickles (representative of multinational beverage companies through AFGC) again calls it a tax and says it will drive up prices at the check-out.
TRUTH: It's not a tax! The 1.35% cost of living increase is a distortion. The study used failed to factor in that the deposit was refunded; and then added a further 10c (20cent price increase in total) as a recycling fee, which would make it 5 times higher than the most expensive CD system in the world
4. Jenny Pickles says industry through their option of a national bin network would 'chip in' \$100million over 5 years.
OUR RESPONSE: Jenny that's only \$20million a year. It would cost councils significantly more than that to service all the bins and in fact NSW Councils would save \$63million dollars with a CDS!

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(I note sadly that the first point is typical non-committal commitment from another politician – you guys are so good at disguising your commitment to sit on the fence until a winner emerges – it's tedious.)

Cheers,

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Dear

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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 and more convenient infrastructure will help to address the overall litter issue and not a small proportion of potentially littered items.

The Minister hopes this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Kylie Hughes, Manager, Reform and Innovation of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on telephone 3330 5020.

Yours sincerely

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 22 April 2013 9:07 PM
To: Environment
Subject: National Container Deposit Legislation

Dear Andrew Powell MP,

I am writing to you today so let you know that both my partner and I both demand your support for National Container Deposit Legislation. We have watched with horror as Coke and their friends in the beverage industry successfully sued the Northern Territory to bring a halt to their recycling program. Having grown up in South Australia with a CDS, I fully appreciate the benefits that a national system would bring us.

As a young kid, on weekends we would collect discarded cans along the coast, and drive to the nearby collection centre for our refund. Whatever refund we earned formed the basis for my siblings and my pocket money and was an exciting weekend ritual for us. Recycling in this manner became second nature, not only did we get out and about seeing our lovely countryside and beaches, we made some excellent money for 4 and 5 year olds!

Coke is fighting this cash for cans legislation for one reason only. Advertising. Each individual brightly red coloured can and bottle represents a free mini-billboard, and these products have had millions spend on them to be instantly recognisable. The flash of red on a can as you cruise up the F3 on your holiday to Seal Rocks sparks an instant thirst in your mouth and mind, its no wonder that when you stop for petrol that the kids are hanging for a Coke. Single-use beverage containers = free advertising (why else would they be so brightly coloured and designed to last 300-500 years before degrading?).

I have been alarmed in the past several months to see the Australian Food & Grocery Council (AFGC) being used as a place for Coke, Schweppes and Lion to collude on matters relating to the Northern Territories and Australia's recycling. Not only have Coke used the AFGC to collude with competitors, they have paid and instructed the AFGC to run a fear and untruthful media campaign against Cash for Containers. Jenny Pickles, spokesperson for AFGC, has repeatedly lied to media through Media Releases and interviews that constantly refer to refund schemes as a 'tax'. Despite repeatedly being called out on this blatant lie, the AFGC has maintained this untruthful propaganda.

Furthermore, the AFGC has untruthfully stated that a refund scheme would increase the cost of the average basket of goods. This is untruthful as Coke is not one of the items in the average basket of goods, and a refund scheme ensures the consumer gets their deposit back anyway! As proven by South Australia's successful refund system, running for over a quarter of a century, refund schemes allow community groups, unemployed and pensioners and other people a way to contribute to society by collecting up discarded cans, and also earn a small reward for their efforts.

The Australian Food and Grocery Council and other industry associations from the beverage, packaging and waste industries are far from independent organisations and their 'research' is conducted to bias the industry favourable. They are not trustworthy and lack any integrity as they are funded by Big Coke, and Big Coke directs them on where to spend their money on lobbying you and publishing their lies to the community and shareholders.

Kerbside recycling schemes are an excellent way of dealing with household rubbish and waste but fail to address the greater issue of litter in the environment. It is simply not practical for a bin network, as proposed by the beverage industry, to collect 'single use containers' when consumption of these items is largely outside of the home environment. A container deposit scheme provides incentive for 'single-use containers' to be returned to a centre for processing. Any evidence provided to you by the beverage industry

against incentive schemes is based on false parameters and should be viewed with the same caution as 'evidence' from the tobacco industry that claims that tobacco won't cause cancer! Big Coke and Big Tobacco have an awful lot in common when it comes to creating false truths about their industry and product.

At our workplace, we took such offence at Coke suing the NT that we have banned Coke branded products from our workplace until the NT officially gets their 'cash for cans' scheme reinstated on a permanent basis. It is likely we will extend the workplace ban further until Australia gets confirmation that you will commit to national container deposit legislation - it is the only workable answer for our environment. Please get behind national cash for cans legislation, over 80% of Australia wants it, and all of Australia needs it. Stop being bullied by Coke and do the right thing by QLD and all of Australia please.

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Kind regards,

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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 only 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.

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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Taylor Erin

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 6 May 2013 4:18 PM
To: Corro EHP Minister
Subject: RE: CTS 07234/13

Dear Mr. Colling,

Thank you for your response. I'm sorry though, it's just not good enough. A few additional recycling bins is not going to make much difference, if any. What people need is **INCENTIVE** and, believe it or not, 10 cents per bottle or can will get them collecting. Also, it is a great way for non-profits and schools to raise money and awareness RE littering. I really shouldn't have to draw you guys a picture. You are smart people and the reason we voted you into office is because we trusted that you were going to do what is in the best interest of the people, you know, the guys that pay you. So far I must say I am very disappointed. Sadly, Big Business appears to be who you are aiming to please. Sincerely,

From: Corro EHP Minister [mailto:EHPMinister.Corro@ehp.qld.gov.au]
Sent: Monday, May 06, 2013 3:35 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CTS 07234/13

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 9:22 AM
To: Corro EHP Minister; Environment
Subject: Re: CTS 07235/13

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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Frangi Spilsbury

From: Glass House Electorate Office <Glass.House@parliament.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 4:30 PM
To: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Subject: RE: CTS 07235/13

Good afternoon,

You have contacted Andrew Powell's electorate office. As your enquiry appears to be related to Andrew's ministerial portfolio I have forwarded your enquiry to his ministerial office at environment@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Kind Regards,

Katie Mickelberg

Assistant Electorate Officer for

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, 7 May 2013 9:44 AM
To: kylie.hughes@epa.qld.gov.au
Cc: Glass House Electorate Office
Subject: Fwd: CTS 07235/13

Dear Kylie

I'm forwarding this response I received from the Minister, as well as my response; regarding Container Deposit Legislation.

It makes me ashamed that in this era, Coca Cola and Jenny Pickles can still determine Government policy in Queensland.

It is disgraceful. I do wonder though, do you really believe the whole 'bin network' spin? Or are you just happy with your salary and don't want to rock the boat by making the right, perhaps tougher, decisions.

I guess they didn't employ you to actually improve policy though, did they?

<http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/cash-for-containers/110-reply-to-coke-s-defence-blog.html>

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Date: Tue, May 7, 2013 at 9:22 AM

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Taylor Erin

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2013 9:18 AM
To: Corro EHP Minister
Subject: Re: CTS 07235/13

Thank you for your reply.

However, I am not satisfied.

Since I live in Mackay and currently get \$228 a week Job search, I will NOT be phoning an STD Brisbane number. Please supply an email address for Ms Kylie Hughes.

"...the container deposit scheme to be the mod costly to implement nationally"

So, are you saying that rather than implement a scheme that appears to have popular public support you intend to allocate \$550,000 AND spend an unannounced amount providing, emptying and maintaining "... public space litter & recycling bins..." ?

It seems to me that what you are proposing is a bare minimum approach and would be best coupled WITH, and not instead of, a CDS scheme.

Mind you, I do not believe that the care of our environment has often been a high priority and it is sad that a multi national company can have such influence within the halls of our elected governments. As David Suzuki once said 'When discussing the future health of a river, if the health of that river is not put first, then the river will be the loser.'

What price do **you** put on NOT doing enough to protect my environment ?

Someone once said 'Don't shit in your own back yard'. Well it seems to that you are shitting in my back yard and therefor I could not call you "Honourable"

Your dissatisfied and saddened fellow Queenslanders
[REDACTED]

On 07/05/2013, at 8:27 AM, Corro EHP Minister <EHPMinister.Corro@ehp.qld.gov.au> wrote:

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Taylor Erin

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Wednesday, 8 May 2013 7:43 PM
To: Corro EHP Minister
Subject: Re: CTS 07235/13

Thank you for your letter. I am however extremely disappointed that the Queensland Government has decided to adopt an industry led recycling system. I, along with many others, believe that this is not the best way to get the community and industry recycling. Container deposit schemes are a proven method of getting the maximum out of recycling schemes. They reduce pollution and also create an income stream for community groups. I am so very disappointed by the shortsightedness of the Queensland government and lack of leadership shown on this issue. Please, I ask that the government reconsider on this issue. Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]
Magnetic Island, Qld

Sent from my iPhone

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From: [REDACTED] sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 11 May 2013 3:43 PM
To: Environment
Cc: Annastacia Palaszczuk
Subject: Cash for Containers recycling scheme

Dear Mr Powell,

I want to see less rubbish in Inala's parks and streets, on Queensland's beaches, and less plastic pollution ending up in our oceans. A Cash for Containers system based on a 10 cent refund is the best, proven way to boost recycling, reduce litter and help save taxpayers money.

Not only would we see less waste and increased recycling, Cash for Containers would create thousands of jobs and support the community sector. In a low socioeconomic area like Inala this is an extremely important consideration.

I urge you to press this issue with the State Premier and your colleagues in State Government and strongly encourage them to stand up to Coca Cola's aggressive opposition based on that company's self-interest to the detriment of Queensland's environment - and our tourist industry!

I have heard that Channel 9 refused to air a quite graphic Greenpeace advertisement encouraging adoption of this scheme. The reason? It was deemed too confronting for viewing during football coverage. I found the advertisement disturbing because it highlighted the danger our plastic litter presents for wildlife. I am confounded that Channel 9 refused to allow this advertisement to air, the same channel that sees no problem with encouraging gambling during football coverage!!

The time has finally come for this scheme to go national. South Australia and the Northern Territory are proving its benefits. It's time Queensland joined them in this positive step to improve our environment and our world.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
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Hon Andrew Powell MP
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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 11 May 2013 concerning the introduction of a cash for containers system. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Certainly the South Australian system has been successful. It must be remembered however, that this scheme preceded kerbside recycling systems. The introduction of the scheme in the mid-1970s provided people with the opportunity to recycle where none had existed before – unlike today, where a significant percentage of people have access to well-established kerbside recycling services.

The length of time the scheme has been in place in South Australia has allowed the costs of this scheme to be amortised over time. However, the cost-benefit analysis undertaken for a 2012 Consultation Regulation Impact Statement prepared as part of the national assessment of options identified the container deposit scheme options as the most costly to implement nationally.

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The Minister hopes this information is of assistance to you. Should you have any further enquiries, please contact Ms Kylie Hughes, Manager, Waste Policy and Legislation of the Department of Environment and Heritage Protection on telephone 3330 5020.

Yours sincerely,

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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2013 2:00 PM
To: Environment
Subject: Recycling Refund program

Dear Minister, With Federal election looming, I would like to ask if, as Environment Minister you would be to signing our State up to the national recycling refund program in June. I believe this is an important program, and want to strongly support you joining up.

Yours sincerely,


4069, QLD

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10795/13



Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

Ref CTS 10795/13

30 MAY 2013

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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your email of 13 May 2013 concerning the national recycling refund program. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection has asked me to respond on his behalf.

Certainly the South Australian system has been successful in South Australia. It must be remembered however, that this scheme preceded kerbside recycling systems. The introduction of the scheme in the mid-1970s provided people with the opportunity to recycle where none had existed before – unlike today where a significant percentage of people have access to well-established kerbside recycling services.

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2013 1:40 PM
To: Environment
Subject: national recycling refund program

Dear Minister,

I would like you to sign our State up to the national recycling refund program in June. Will you be doing this? In South Australia a similar program has been a huge success - it is all benefit and no loss.

Please show that you care for the environment and the tourism industry for Australia and commit to this important program.

Thank you.

Yours sincerely,


4169, QLD

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10801/13



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Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

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RELATED CORRESPONDENCE: CTS 07234/13.

DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Taylor Erin

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Saturday, 11 May 2013 11:49 AM
To: Corro EHP Minister
Subject: Re: CTS 07234/13- Please inform the Minister of my reaction to this unacceptable response.

Importance: High

This response is UNACCEPTABLE. The Minister wants to serve lobbyists from the beverage industry and not the people. I am deeply insulted by this response. Please inform the Minister that I found this response most offensive. Kindly Remind the Minister to serve the people- not Coca Cola.

----- Original Message -----

From: Corro EHP Minister
Sent: 05/06/13 06:04 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: CTS 07234/13

Thank you for taking the time to write to the Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection. A response to your correspondence is attached.

Please do not hesitate to contact the office if you require any further information.

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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individual's right to privacy
Sent: Thursday, 9 May 2013 9:40 PM
To: Environment
Subject: Fw: Take our winning Coke ad further

Dear Minister,

Lets not put our heads in the sand any longer, the litter of our state is disgusting and even worse what ends up in land fill that can be recycled the \$550,000 you are spending is wasted unless you educate the whole population not to litter and to recycle, step out of your ivory tower and take a walk around your local MacDonald's or Kentucky fried and see what I am talking about, drive along any highway leading from a town with a fast food outlet and see what is on the roadside, start a deposit scheme in the state and find out how things change for the better take a look at the difference in a state with a deposit scheme and understand the difference it makes.

Sincerely

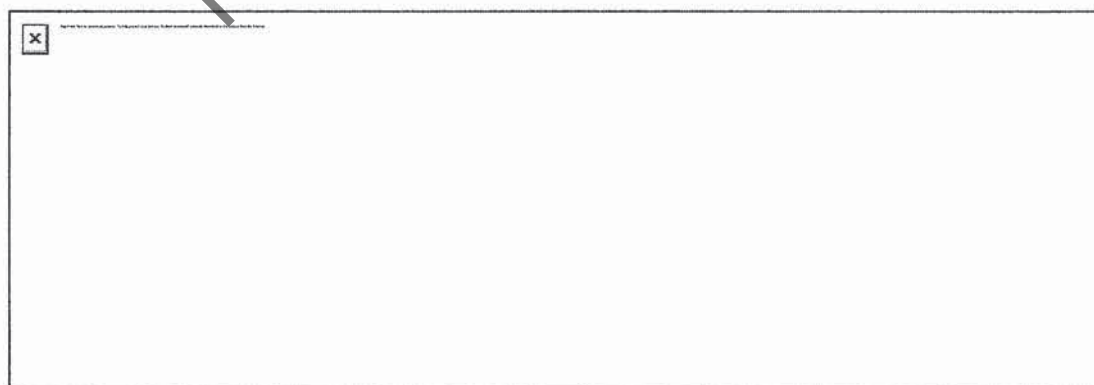
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Dear

Wow - we've been blown away by the response to our new TV ad exposing Coca-Cola's efforts to crush a national 10 cent recycle refund scheme.

It's been viewed a whopping 270,000 times (and counting!) on Youtube, and today is the second most shared video in Australia. Now, thanks to donations from hundreds of Greenpeace supporters, we've raised enough to put it on prime-time TV this Friday night. Amazing!

Right now we're planning how to build on this momentum to take our ad even further on TV and online. [Click here to check out our new 45-second ad then chip in what you can to support our next round of advertising.](#)



The response from Coca-Cola shareholders during its AGM this week proves we're having an impact. Adelaide shareholder was one of many who challenged Coke's efforts to crush a national Cash for Containers scheme. When Coca-Cola Chairman David Gonski called the scheme "old fashioned" stood up and asked:

"What's wrong with old fashioned? We have container deposit legislation in South Australia and only 4% of containers are found in litter. That's a stark contrast to the 40% of containers in the eastern

states." [1]

This proves our incredible people-powered campaign is making a splash where it counts. So let's build on this energy right away: if you chip in today, our ad can reach even more people on TV and online, building more pressure on Coke and politicians to stop plastic pollution ruining our beaches and killing our marine life.

Will you join the hundreds of other Greenpeace supporters who've already donated and help put this ad in front of more Australians?

Together we can put our message where Coke thinks it owns the debate. We're not about to back down now: www.greenpeace.org/CokeAd

Thanks for being part of this.

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[1] [CCA says NT recycling plan "old fashioned"](#), AAP, 7 May 2013

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DEPARTMENTAL OFFICER COMMENTS:

Taylor Erin

From: sch4p3 (3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 13 May 2013 3:17 PM
To: Corro EHP Minister
Subject: RE: CTS 07234/13
Attachments: [REDACTED]

Dear The Hon. Minister Andrew Powell,

Thank you for your letter dated 6 May 2013.

It is with deep sadness that i read the Queensland Liberal Government has decided to not support a container deposit scheme. This was an outstanding chance for the 'smart state' to not only address this pertinent national issue but to also reverse the embarrassing fact that Queenslanders are the number one litterers across the nation.

Sometimes our governments need to make brave decisions that will put environmental protection and long term sustainability front and centre. Such decisions often result in at least someone not being happy, such as the multi billion dollar beverage companies Fosters, Lion Nathan and Coca Cola Amitil, who all continue to discredit the container deposit scheme.

It is time to stand up to these big companies and make them pay a price for the waste they create.

Recycling is good for our economy, our community, our children, and our planet and the Queensland Liberal Government must do more to support this scheme. More information on how to achieve this can be found at:

<http://www.boomerangalliance.org.au/>

In the one minute it has taken you to read this letter, 15,000 bottles and cans have been littered or landfilled in Australia. Some will end up in our parks, our streets and our waterways, while some will end up in the stomachs of native wildlife who mistake it for food. That said, I urge you to reconsider and overturn your decision, and to rally your government to support a container deposit scheme pronto.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

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Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

Ref CTS 07234/13

6 May 2013

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Dear [REDACTED]

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Yours sincerely

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Frangi Spilsbury

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Friday, 24 May 2013 5:57 PM
To: Environment
Subject: Cash for containers

Dear minister Powell

I saw your channel 7 story last night. Great to see you are passionate about protecting turtles from plastic ingestion!

I am writing to you to show my support for introducing a container deposit scheme in Australia.

I am extremely concern about the impact of plastics on our environment, particularly our oceans.

I was horrified that research into deaths of marine turtles tells us that 30% of turtle deaths are caused by ingestion of plastics? This is extremely worrying and only likely to get worse unless significant action is taken.

I fully support a cash for containers program as this puts a value on otherwise throw away items. In addition it provides opportunities for generation of income for community groups.

Please don't let the actions of Coke or other big corporates to influence you. We need to act for the long term best interest of our community (and our turtles). I hope seeing those beautiful creatures will inspire you to take action and support this positive change.

The community is ready and supports this change!!

Regards
[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

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Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection

Ref CTS 12182/13

26 JUN 2013

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Dear

Thank you for your email of 24 May 2013 concerning the cash for containers scheme. The Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection has asked me to respond on his behalf.

The Queensland Government has decided not to support the introduction of a container deposit scheme (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.

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.

It is acknowledged 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 decided to promote recycling and litter reduction through industry-led initiatives such as the roll-out of additional public place litter and recycling bins across Queensland. 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 certainly indicate that a significant quantity of non-beverage container items end up littered and these items are damaging the local waterways and marine species. A CDS system does not include other plastic items, such as plastic bags, and would not result in an overall change to the types of litter entering the waterways.

As such, beverage containers form only a component of the litter issue in Queensland. By providing for better litter infrastructure, it will help to address the overall litter issue and not a small proportion of potentially littered items. These initiatives are aimed to minimise the overall amount of litter in our streets and waterways which has the subsequent potential to move through the system, reducing the risk of items being ingested by marine species such as turtles.

While it is of concern that turtles are ingesting plastic materials, the Queensland Government believes that a more holistic view on the various litter streams that pose a threat to turtles and other marine species will do more to assist with these issues than focusing on one part of the litter stream.

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Milton Kerrie

From: Bernadette Zerba <Bernadette.Zerba@premiers.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Wednesday, 29 May 2013 2:27 PM
To: Anderson Jodie
Subject: FW: Online Petitions - Boomerang Alliance

Hi Jodie, could you arrange for a draft response to be prepared for this corro item. You will note our previous response to this person is below. Is there any more data about the locations of available kerbside recycling to address the issue of data raised in this letter. If not could the reply provide congratulations on recycling efforts and reiterate what was said in the previous letter (briefly). Thanks for your assistance with this. Could you please provide a reply by the 12 June.

kind regards

Bernadette Zerba
Director - Policy Division (Environment and Resource Policy)
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ph: 3235 4879

Bernadette.zerba@premiers.qld.gov.au

From: sch4p3(3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy
Sent: Monday, 20 May 2013 6:42 PM
To: The Premier
Subject: Re: Online Petitions - Boomerang Alliance

Dear Premier,

Current evidence??? I would be very interested in your data which proves your case? As a standard political response you sprout words without data/facts to back up these words. As a fact Kingaroy has no recycling nor does most of the South Burnett. Probably because as usual, the backward looking local council is far more concerned with raising rates, providing poor service and giving themselves pay rises.

That aside, I have recycled for many years which requires a cost to me to do the right thing to ensure my recyclables end up in the right place (a boot full delivered to Brisbane when we visit friends and family). This is because I try my best to care for the environment as at the present rate of destruction, it needs all the help it can get! Which is more than I can say for others in this area which is clearly evident by the amount of rubbish which litters the country side (from Cooktown to Tweed Heads). Even on visits to Brisbane some places resemble road side dumps for example Cleveland Rd from the outer city to Wellington point and the Pacific Motorway to name but two yet, you are telling me all items are recycled.

I agree recycling is a good start however, in my opinion all disposable goods which have an underlying energy value should be recycled in one form or another for the simple reason we live on a finite planet with finite resources. A fact which politicians fail to understand. In my opinion this could/can be achieved by placing a refundable price on all disposable items as in the CDS program which would be a start for containers. Better education would also help to ensure mindless Queenslander's do not throw their rubbish where ever they please with no regard for the environment and a cost incentive (CDS program) would help.

Once again if politician lead by example then I can clearly see why Queenslander's treat their state as a dumping ground for their unwanted rubbish.

I await your data to prove your statements, regards,

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Kingaroy QLD 4610

On Mon, May 20, 2013 at 4:28 PM, The Premier <The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your email about the introduction of a container deposit scheme (CDS) in Queensland.

The Queensland Government is keen to explore all options for improving recycling rates. However, current evidence does not support claims that a compulsory container deposit system will have the beneficial impact you are seeking. For example, at this time, a deposit scheme would require government subsidies, or a significant increase in product cost. However, it could also threaten the effectiveness and success of existing kerbside recycling arrangements, which are working well in Queensland.

The two key reasons why a business case for a compulsory CDS program does not stack up at this time are: 1) 86 per cent of Queenslanders already have access to, and use, kerbside recycling schemes. As mentioned above, a CDS could potentially threaten the viability of these schemes if significant quantities of recyclable materials are diverted from kerbside collection; and 2) Queensland has a highly decentralised population with very long transport distances.

For the reasons outlined above, the Government has decided that the most appropriate approach for Queensland at this time is to promote recycling and litter reduction through industry-driven initiatives, complemented by the delivery of more convenient and readily-accessible recycling infrastructure for consumers. However, if a deposit scheme can be shown to be effective and cost-efficient at the national level, then, of course the Queensland Government would give this close consideration.

I can advise you that the Standing Council on Environment and Water, which includes Australia's Federal and State environment ministers, is currently making an assessment on potential national measures, including container deposit legislation. In this regard, the Queensland Government will maintain a watching brief on this national work and will consider participating in a national initiative if it is shown to be in the best interests of Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

From: tecorgau@au001lcr04.syd.the-server.com.au [mailto:tecorgau@au001lcr04.syd.the-server.com.au] **On Behalf Of** Boomerang Alliance - Campaigning for recycling
Sent: Friday, 5 April 2013 8:17 PM
To: tec@lists.tec.org.au; tony.burke.mp@aph.gov.au; The Premier
Subject: Online Petitions - Boomerang Alliance

Ask your Premier to support container deposits!

First

Name:

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Last Name:

Email:

Country: Australia

State: thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au

Postcode: 4610

Subject: Container deposits

Message:

Environment ministers will soon be making a decision on how to stop 8 billion beverage containers being landfilled or littered every year. There's a solution – a 10cent RecycleRefund scheme. Governments must show the public they can stand up to beverage industry's

misleading campaign and intimidation tactics. Coca Cola, Lion and Schweppes took the Northern Territory government to court and stopped its Cash for Containers scheme that has recycled 54 million containers in just one year. Their alternative could not achieve this – it's too little, too late – and intended to delay a real solution. I want clean beaches, rivers and parks. I want effective recycling solutions for the beverage packaging I consume. It is crucial your government show it will not be intimidated by the tactics of Coke and its allies. I understand the Boomerang Alliance's Recycling Refund Scheme will be independent of the beverage companies and non-profit. It will see the price of my favourite beverages only increase by a 10cents deposit and that this amount will be refunded if I return the container to a convenient recycling depot. I also understand that if I don't return my container, my deposit will be used to run recycling operations and litter clean ups. This will: - significantly lift our recycling rates of glass, plastic and metal beverage containers - virtually eliminate beverage container litter, including marine pollution - help charities - create many new jobs - create funds for broader litter and recycling programs - support hundreds of new convenient drop-off centres for other products like batteries and e-waste, as well. No other option can provide all these benefits.

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Message:**

Please Australia needs to start on a sustainable path to provide a future for our children and our children's children. This includes an environment free of all our waste which is clearly having major impacts. An Australia wide container deposit system should just be the beginning. Best Regards, (3) Prejudice the protection of an individuals right to privacy Kingaroy QLD 4610

Regards,
The Boomerang Alliance

<http://boomerangalliance.org.au>

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Milton Kerrie

From: Bernadette Zerba <Bernadette.Zerba@premiers.qld.gov.au>
Sent: Friday, 31 May 2013 9:59 AM
To: Anderson Jodie
Subject: Corro item TF/13/11070 - container deposit scheme

Hi Jodie,

Could you please assist in providing information for a response to the following email. A letter has previously been sent to this person, see further below, but they are raising some additional issues, about increasing recycle bin pick-ups. I will need a reply by 13 June. Thanks for your assistance with this matter.

kind regards

Bernadette Zerba

Director - Policy Division (Environment and Resource Policy)
Department of Premier and Cabinet
Ph: 3235 4879

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Dear Campbell Newman

Thank you for your response but it is not adequate enough! There are many States and cities where there are not enough recycling bins for the copious amounts of waste produced by poor planning in food production, packaging and pretty much any product manufactured.

Some solutions I suggest you adopt is to do weekly curb side pick ups and provide bigger recycle bins to all residences in Australia and provide at least triple the amount of recycle bins in all capital cities!! I fill my recycle bin before the first week is out, as do all of my neighbours! I collect this surplus and have to go to my local shopping centre and drop off the extras in recycle bins that are unlocked for big business that are mainly empty every fortnight! I do this as it is the right thing to do however many others do not and just add the surplus to general waste! Also there are not enough systems in place in shopping centres to recycle all the vast amounts of packaging waste. Cardboard recycling is not enough! We must provide stricter requirements on all businesses to comply as this is where the bulk of surplus waste comes from. I know I worked part time in retail!

Fix this please! The planet depends on it.

I know first hand as I am a Marine Biologist who has worked in the industry for 17 years and have travelled the globe (over 80 countries and still counting). I have seen the impacts first hand where I did a necropsy on a killer whale that died by ingesting plastic bags. I have seen whales, sea turtles and tuna entangled in plastic and have sailed aboard the Rainbow Warrior II in the Pacific garbage patch and refuse to yield to corporate and government greed!

Coca Cola should be held responsible for the millions of tonnes of waste it produces annually but refuses to take responsibility for. This national scheme was to begin to address this issue. Coke sued this scheme in SA and won. How ludicrous is that! Do not further support corporate negligence and greed. Be a part of the solution not the problem!

I look forward to your response.

Warmest Regards

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On 21/05/2013, at 12:11 PM, The Premier <The.Premier@premiers.qld.gov.au> wrote:

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your email about the introduction of a container deposit scheme (CDS) in Queensland.

The Queensland Government is keen to explore all options for improving recycling rates. However, current evidence does not support claims that a compulsory container deposit system will have the beneficial impact you are seeking. For example, at this time, a deposit scheme would require government subsidies, or a significant increase in product cost. However, it could also threaten the effectiveness and success of existing kerbside recycling arrangements, which are working well in Queensland.

The two key reasons why a business case for a compulsory CDS program does not stack up at this time are: 1) 86 per cent of Queenslanders already have access to, and use, kerbside recycling schemes. As mentioned above, a CDS could potentially threaten the viability of these schemes if significant quantities of recyclable materials are diverted from kerbside collection; and 2) Queensland has a highly decentralised population with very long transport distances.

For the reasons outlined above, the Government has decided that the most appropriate approach for Queensland at this time is to promote recycling and litter reduction through industry-driven initiatives, complemented by the delivery of more convenient and readily-accessible recycling infrastructure for consumers. However, if a deposit scheme can be shown to be effective and cost-efficient at the national level, then, of course the Queensland Government would give this close consideration.

I can advise you that the Standing Council on Environment and Water, which includes Australia's Federal and State environment ministers, is currently making an assessment on potential national measures, including container deposit legislation. In this regard, the Queensland Government will maintain a watching brief on this national work and will consider participating in a national initiative if it is shown to be in the best interests of Queenslanders.

Yours sincerely

CAMPBELL NEWMAN

From: tecorgau@au001lcr04.syd.the-server.com.au [mailto:tecorgau@au001lcr04.syd.the-server.com.au] **On Behalf Of** Boomerang Alliance - Campaigning for recycling
Sent: Tuesday, 9 April 2013 9:58 PM
To: tec@lists.tec.org.au; tony.burke.mp@aph.gov.au; The Premier
Subject: Online Petitions - Boomerang Alliance

Ask your Premier to support container deposits!

First Name:

Last Name: Local 31 Notice the protection of an individuals right to privacy

Email:

Country: Australia

State: thepremier@premiers.qld.gov.au

Postcode: 4220

Subject: Container deposits

Message:

Environment ministers will soon be making a decision on how to stop 8 billion beverage containers being landfilled or littered every year. There's a solution – a 10cent RecycleRefund scheme. Governments must tell the public they can stand up to beverage industry's misleading campaign and intimidation tactics. Coca Cola and Schweppes took the Northern Territory government to court and stopped its Cash for Containers scheme that has recycled 54 million containers in just one year. Their alternative could not achieve this – too little, too late – and intended to delay a real solution. I want clean beaches, rivers and parks. I want effective recycling solutions for the beverage packaging I consume. It is crucial your government show it will not be intimidated by the tactics of Coke and its allies. I understand the Boomerang Alliance's Recycling Refund Scheme will be independent of the beverage companies and non-profit. It will see the price of m

	favourite beverages only increase by a 10cents deposit and that this amount will be refunded if I return t container to a convenient recycling depot. I also understand that if I don't return my container, my depos be used to run recycling operations and litter clean ups. This will: - significantly lift our recycling rates o glass, plastic and metal beverage containers - virtually eliminate beverage container litter, including mar pollution - help charities - create many new jobs - create funds for broader litter and recycling programs support hundreds of new convenient drop-off centres for other products like batteries and e-waste, as we other option can provide all these benefits.
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Regards,
The Boomerang Alliance

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17 June 2013

Hon Andrew Powell MP
Minister for Environment and Heritage Protection
GPO Box 2454, Brisbane QLD 4001



Dear Mr Powell

I draw your attention to the article in today's Courier Mail concerning "cash for containers" (see attached copy).

I am part of the 80% of Australians that, according to clean Up Australia, support the scheme to recycle containers.

In his article Your Money Editor, Anthony Keane, argues that industry protests against the scheme are a "storm in a (recycled) tea cup".

I urge you to support this scheme and to initiate the appropriate legislation to ensure that recycling containers occurs in Queensland.

Yours sincerely

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Return for deposit a bottler of a plan



ANTHONY KEANE
YOUR MONEY EDITOR

CASH for your cans? It's an idea that has sparked industry protests interstate, but as a South Aussie who grew up getting refunds for drink containers, I think the complaints are a storm in a (recycled) tea cup.

From a personal finance and environmental perspective, container deposit schemes are a great idea.

Here in SA cans and other containers have had refunds for 35 years, and it increased from 5¢ to 10¢ five years ago.

Victoria is pushing for a national approach to container recycling and there are political moves under way in NSW and WA.

The NT introduced one last year but legal action from drinks giants Coca-

Cola Amatil, Schweppes and Lion Nathan forced it to be declared invalid and it remains in jeopardy.

I'm not an expert in manufacturing costs, but question how a 10¢ refundable levy on a soft drink can or milk bottle is going to hurt consumers too much.

I've never bought a drink outside SA and cried "Oh my god! That costs 10¢ more!"

Clean Up Australia says 80 per cent of Aussies think it's a good idea and that the schemes double recycling rates, help the environment and create jobs, while the drinks crowd argues it will cost jobs and households will pay \$300 a year more.

For many children, recycling cans is their first experience of earning money for work.

A family of four each drinking a (diet) can of drink a day, plus seven litres of milk a week can earn almost \$200 back a year, while barbies and parties are all handy cash generators.

It's not exactly mega bucks, but if it cuts landfill and promotes savings, it can't be a bad thing.

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