

Changes to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 to support the NSW Container Deposit Scheme

Why has the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 changed?

The NSW Government introduced the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Amendment (Container Deposit Scheme) Act 2016* to meet the Premier's Priority for a 40% reduction in the volume of waste.

The Act established the Scheme to promote litter reduction and the recovery, reuse and recycling of beverage containers. The Scheme allows anyone who returns an empty eligible beverage container to an approved NSW collection point to be eligible for a 10-cent refund.

To support the rollout of the Scheme, changes to the *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008* (the Codes SEPP) have been prepared by the Department of Planning and Environment to assist in streamlining the planning and approval processes for Recycling Equipment and Facilities.

What are the amendments to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Codes) 2008?

The amendments to the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 allow low impact recycling equipment for eligible drink containers to be carried out as exempt development and certain recycling facilities to be carried out as complying development. The low impact infrastructure types that are covered by the SEPP are listed in the table below.

Exempt development	Complying development
Reverse vending machines	Encased automatic machines (existing and new building structure)
Mobile reverse vending machines	Large reverse vending machines
Container collection cages	Outdoor express centres
	Drop off collection points
	Manual collection points
	Automated counting and sorting centres

Design Guide

The EPA has developed a Design Guide to accompany the amendment to the Codes SEPP, which sets out proposed design criteria to ensure that the low impact infrastructure does not visually impact on the nominated locations. The Design Guide also considers locations that are considered appropriate for the individual type of recycling equipment or facility, and how to site the recycling equipment or facility so that it does not conflict with the predominant land use. Safety considerations are also documented to ensure that recycling equipment or facilities do not affect vehicle and traffic movements, or pedestrian movements and safety in public spaces.

Where can I find further information

Please contact the EPA's Container Deposit Scheme Team

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