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GOVERNMENT ANNOUNCES CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Environment Minister Mark Speakman today announced the members of the committee to advise the NSW Government on the design and implementation of a cost-effective container deposit scheme in NSW.

"The NSW Government is determined to introduce a cost-effective container deposit scheme in NSW, and this committee, with its collective breadth and depth of experience, will help make that happen. Now is the time to act," Mr Speakman said.

The core task of the Committee will be to ensure that any scheme recommended to the Government drives down litter rates and increases recycling in a cost effective and efficient way.

It is estimated that more than 2 billion plastic bottles are littered every year in NSW. The cost to the community of littering goes well beyond visual pollution. It is estimated that the total cost to the community is between \$300 and \$350 million nationally each year.

"While NSW already has an effective kerbside recycling process for beverage waste generated at home, drink containers consumed away from home too often end up as litter on our streets," Mr Speakman said.

"That is why earlier this year the NSW Government announced it would introduce reverse vending machines across the state as part of a container deposit scheme.

"An important first step, is establishing the committee that will advise on the design and implementation of a cost-effective container deposit scheme.

"The members of the Container Deposit Scheme Advisory Committee collectively have expertise in environmental matters, recycling, innovation and litter management."

The members are:

Jeff Angel, Tanya Barden, Steve Beaman, Susy Cenedese, Liz Livingstone, Bill Stanhope, Dr Tony Wilkins, Professor Don Hine and Tony Wright.

Jeff Angel - National Convenor of the Boomerang Alliance

Jeff Angel is an experienced environmental advocate.

Mr Angel is National Convenor of the Boomerang Alliance and Executive Director of the Total Environment Centre - a coalition of 32 different environmental groups formed in 2004 aimed at making our environment cleaner and healthier.

As the Convenor of the Boomerang Alliance, he has led its campaign for a container deposit system for the last 11 years.

Tanya Barden – Australian Food and Grocery Council

Ms Barden is the Director Economics at the Australian Food and Grocery Council and the Peak Packaging Group

She is also the Chair of the National Packaging Covenant Industry Association (NPCIA), representing more than 800 industry signatories to the Australian Packaging Covenant (APC), including 14 industry associations, of which eight form the NPCIA Management Board.

Steve Beaman – NSW Environment Protection Authority

Mr Beaman is the Director Waste and Resource Recovery at the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Mr Beaman has 20 years' experience in environment policy and regulation within the NSW Government, including more than eight years at the Senior Executive level. He will chair the Advisory Committee.

Susy Cenedise – Local Government NSW

Ms Cenedise is strategy manager for Local Government NSW. In this capacity she has responsibility for environmental issues affecting Local Government, including waste, sustainability and natural resource management.

She previously held various roles within the EPA and the Office of Environment and Heritage, including as an Environment Protection Authority Regional Operations Officer and as a Departmental Liaison Officer in the Office of the Minister for the Environment.

Professor Don Hine – UNE School of Behavioural, Cognitive and Social Sciences

Professor Hine has a B.Sc. University of Alberta, an M.A. University of Victoria and a Ph.D. University of Victoria. He teaches at the University of New England.

Professor Hine's primary area of research is human judgement, decision-making and behavioural change and he is interested in identifying strategies to help people change their environmentally unsustainable behaviours to produce environmentally friendly outcomes.

Liz Livingstone – NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet

Ms Livingstone is currently the acting Executive Director of Resources and Land Use in the NSW Department of Premier and Cabinet with responsibility for facilitating and leading the development and implementation of policies across the planning, local government, environment, primary industries, resources and energy portfolios.

Bill Stanhope - NSW Treasury

Mr Stanhope is a senior executive (Director, Policy and Strategy, Natural Resources and Government Services) at NSW Treasury, where he has advised on environmental policy and programs for six years. He is also the Treasury nominee to the Environmental Trust.

Dr Tony Wilkins – Head of Environment at News Limited

Dr Wilkins has extensive experience with respect to environmental matters and is currently the Head of Environment at News Limited.

He is an active member of the NSW Environmental Trust's Sustainability Subcommittee and is currently a member of the Government's NSW Environmental Trust Waste and Recycling Subcommittee.

He is also a past National Director and State President of the Waste Management Association of Australia.

Tony Wright – Managing Director Wright Corporate Strategy

Mr Wright is a partner in a public policy, strategy and technology advisory firm operating in the Australian environment and infrastructure sectors.

Mr Wright advises federal, state and local governments across Australia on waste management and resource recovery policy, strategy, technology and procurement.

Among other appointments, he chaired the Alternative Waste Management Technologies and Practices Inquiry and has advised the NSW Government on waste related issues, including the Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2001.