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NSW CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME IN THE CAN

The NSW Government is on track to deliver a cost-effective, best practice container deposit scheme with the introduction of the Waste and Resource Recovery Amendment (Container Deposit Scheme) Bill 2016 into State Parliament.

“This legislation puts us on track to enable the community to receive a 10-cent refund on eligible containers from 1 July, which will make a massive difference to our environment, parks, waterways and beaches,” NSW Environment Minister Mark Speakman said.

“In 2014-15 almost 160 million beverage containers were littered across NSW – making up nearly half of the litter volume in the state. The CDS gives everyone a financial incentive to do the right thing.”

Under the container deposit scheme:

- People in NSW will be able to return empty prescribed beverage containers between 150 ml and three litres to collection points for a 10-cent refund.
- A single Scheme Coordinator will be responsible for the financial management of the scheme and for ensuring the scheme meets state-wide targets .
- Beverage suppliers will be responsible for covering the costs of refunds through agreements with the Scheme Coordinator.
- The Environment Minister will appoint the co-ordinator in early 2017, as well as appointing Network Operators who will be responsible for the operation of the scheme.

Containers not eligible for the scheme are those generally consumed at home and not typically found in the litter stream. They include plain milk, wine, pure fruit juice (more than 1 litre), health tonics and large flavoured milk containers.

Mr Speakman said the Container Deposit Scheme introduction fulfilled a key election commitment, and would help to meet the Premier’s Priority goal of reducing litter in NSW by 40 per cent by 2020.

More information is available at epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/container-deposit-scheme.htm