

WA Container Deposit Scheme



The Liberal-led Government is committed to reducing littering and improving recycling rates in Western Australia.

To boost community efforts to keep our parks, road verges, waterways and towns clean, the State Government will introduce a container deposit scheme by mid-2018.

Fast Facts

- Western Australia currently has more drink containers in our litter than any other State.
- Five of the top 12 littered items in WA are drink containers.
- South Australia has a long-standing container deposit scheme. Its waste stream has only 2.2 per cent drink containers compared to 13.2 per cent in Western Australia.

Our Commitment

A Liberal Government will introduce a Container Deposit Scheme from mid-2018, enabling consumers to get a 10 cent refund on all eligible plastic, glass and aluminium containers between 150ml and three litres, including soft drink cans, small water bottles small flavoured milk containers, sports drinks bottles and spirit-based mixer cans.

A New Plan

The refund will be available from reverse vending machines at parks, beaches and other public spaces and collection depots across Western Australia.

The Liberal-led Government has listened to the community which has expressed a strong desire for a container deposit scheme to complement our growing recycling culture.

Many community groups, charities and sporting clubs will be able to benefit financially from the scheme by collecting discarded containers and cashing them in.

It is likely to be self-funded but depending on the rate of establishment of collection centres, some capital funding of collection infrastructure may be supported by the State Government.



A Strong Record

The container deposit scheme will complement the Western Australian Waste Strategy: Creating the Right Environment and the Litter Prevention Strategy for Western Australia 2015-20.

The Government is committed to reducing waste and litter across all waste streams. The Liberal-led government has:

- increased the landfill levy to help divert the amount of waste being dumped at tips in the metropolitan area and encourage investment in alternative recycling options
- raised fines for littering
- introduced the offence of illegal dumping
- introduced the Better Bins Program to improve local government waste collection
- introduced incentives to make better use of construction and demolition waste

The Container Deposit Scheme will bring Western Australia into line with New South Wales, Queensland and the Australian Capital Territory which have announced an intention to implement a container deposit scheme. South Australia and the Northern Territory already have schemes in place.



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