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## **CDL & Recycling**



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July, 2009 WCRA lodged a response to the Inquiry into Beverage Container Deposit & Recovery Scheme.

Since then there has been no material change to our position.

This response is at [www.wcra.com.au](http://www.wcra.com.au)



**WCRA is very much in favour of increasing the recovery rates of all recyclable items.**

## Main issues around CDL

- Risk of duplication
- Reduction of container volumes in domestic recyclables
- A mature, efficient and cost effective domestic collection & processing system for recyclables

## 152 Councils in NSW

An estimated 7 million residents

	No. of Councils	Kerbside Recycling
Sydney & the Extended Regulated Area	57	57
Rest of NSW	95	66
Total	152	123

## Kerbside Recycling

- All 57 Shires & Councils in the Sydney & Extended Regulated Area offer a Kerbside Recycling Service
- 100%
- Of the 95 Shires & Councils in the rest of NSW, 66 offer a Kerbside Recycling Service
- 70%

## 80% of NSW Councils offer a kerbside recycling service



- In most cases the Council offers a 240 litre MGB that is collected from kerbside once per fortnight
- It is well understood by Ratepayers across the whole NSW community
- The participation rates are reportedly high
- The contamination rates are low
- If it ain't broke, why tamper with it?

## 123 NSW Councils offer a kerbside recycling service

- These Councils represent 6.7 million of the 7 million Residents in NSW
- Therefore 96% of NSW Residents have access to a Kerbside Recycling Service

## **CDL 3 areas to consider**

- 1. Costs: expensive compared to kerbside**
- 2. Limited scope to beverage containers**
  - **Litter is more widespread than containers**
  - **Therefore a CDL scheme alone will not solve the whole problem of littering**
- 3. Impacts & competes with the kerbside system therefore will potentially undermine what is currently working in NSW**

## **The costs of recycling**

- A study commissioned by the Victorian Government
- Kerbside recycling costs \$130 per tonne
- CDL \$800 per tonne for recycled containers
- Is the community prepared to pay this higher cost?
- Are we better to determine what resources we have for CDL and instead use those resources to expand kerbside recycling to non-domestic areas?

## The view of Victoria on CDL

- Environment Minister Mr Jennings (6<sup>th</sup> July 2010)
- Resisting calls for a proposed National CDL Scheme
- Increase costs
- Undermine kerbside recycling
- Victorian kerbside recycling collections (on a per person basis) exceed the combined South Australian kerbside recycling collections and CD systems

We need a better approach to commercial container recycling



One approach that is worth considering?



Recycling at events



## CDL proposal - where to from here?

- Proper study that accounts for all impacts including cost, environment, OH&S, community, local government, existing infrastructure, etc
- Consistent message across as many jurisdictions as possible
- Commercial Recycling (i.e. all non domestic opportunities)
- The NSW Waste Levy

## Waste Levy in NSW

- \$2 in 1991
- \$2.80 in 1992 &
- \$4.20 in 1993 per tonne respectively in each of these years financed the start of domestic kerbside recycling in NSW
  
- At \$70.30 per tonne in 2010 why isn't more of the levy allocated to commercial recycling solutions?

## Two questions to consider

**The first -:** at a waste levy of \$70.30 per tonne should the NSW Government allocate funds to better promote commercial recycling?

**The second -:** at \$70.30 per tonne what can be done to assist the 29 NSW Councils that represent 4% of the population that currently don't have a kerbside recycling scheme, so that everyone in NSW has access to kerbside recycling?



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