

# A Container Deposit Scheme for Victorians



A container deposit scheme (CDS) is an important part of our Recycling Victoria policy, which will invest more than \$300 million to transform our recycling sector and drive investment in world class infrastructure and technology, create cutting-edge local industries and support new local jobs.

We'll be rolling the CDS out in 2022/23 but we need your feedback now so that it's a good fit for our state.

## How it works

You return empty cans, small bottles and cartons to a collection point to receive a refund (we're proposing 10 cents). The refund amount is included in the cost of drinks in cans and bottles.

## Why?

Rewarding Victorians for recycling beverage containers will mean more plastic, aluminium and glass is used to make new products. This will complement the new household recycling system.

A CDS will create new jobs across the state, including in regional areas. The scheme will create opportunities for community groups and sporting clubs to benefit through fundraising.

Drink cans and bottles make up almost half of all the litter in Victoria. A CDS will help reduce this litter and its impacts on our local wildlife and reduce clean-up costs for councils.

## Who will benefit from the scheme?

A cash for cans system means everyone has the chance to benefit.

**Our environment** will benefit from less litter and pollution.

**Councils** can also participate and will have less litter to clean up.

The scheme will **create jobs across the state**, especially in regional areas.

**Who benefits from a CDS?**

**The recycling industry** will have a source of high-quality materials to recycle into new products.

**Some small businesses** will have the chance to participate and financially benefit.

**Community groups, charities and sports clubs** can get involved and share in the financial benefit.

## What will collection points look like?

We're consulting on this to make sure it's right for our community. We want it to be as convenient as possible so it's easy for you to return your cans, bottles and cartons with options such as:

- automated reverse vending machines in public places you visit regularly like shopping centres and local shopping strips.
- drive through collection depots when you're on the go
- mobile drop off points for events and community festivals
- over the counter at local shops for those small trips.



### Which drink containers will be included?

- Cans (e.g. soft drinks)
- Bottles (e.g. beer bottles)
- Cartons
- Juice boxes or poppers



### What won't be included?

- Milk containers
- Glass wine bottles
- Glass spirit bottles
- Juice bottles over 1 litre
- Cordial bottles

## Tell us your thoughts

We want to hear from you about this proposed container deposit scheme model. That includes businesses, industry, organisations, communities and local governments.

Head to [engage.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme](https://engage.vic.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme) to have your say by answering some simple questions. You can also read the full proposal there.

Your feedback will help us design the best CDS for Victoria. You can share your feedback on our Engage Victoria website until 30 November 2020.