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## **WA Jumps into the Container Deposit Pool**

The Boomerang Alliance today welcomed the State Government's announcement and the Opposition's support for a Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) in Western Australia, describing it as a much needed measure for litter reduction, wildlife protection and recycling.

"The fact is that beverage containers represent a large part of all litter in volume and items. It wastes resources and is a major contributor to dangerous plastic pollution of the environment," said Jeff Angel, Convenor of the Boomerang Alliance of 41 groups.

"A ten cent refund for drink containers is a proven scheme and will slash litter rates, increase recycling across the state, create hundreds of jobs in collection and re-processing and provide a financial boost to community organisations interested in collecting can and bottles."

"It will also be essential that scheme administration is independent and can be trusted by all parts of the supply chain and the public."

"With NSW and Qld set to introduce cash for containers schemes, this decision puts Australia well on the way to national coverage. While state legislation is the best way to go – there will need to be a coordinating structure so that states can agree on key parameters and when any changes are made to, for example, the refund amount and included containers," Mr Angel said.

"Many local groups and thousands of people in metro and regional Western Australia have campaigned for a CDS for many years. It's a decision that will be warmly welcomed across the state."