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10<sup>th</sup> of October 2018

## **Open Letter to all Victorian Political Parties calling for Container Deposit Scheme**

Today, an Open Letter was sent to all Victorian political party leaders seeking a promise to introduce a 10 cents refund scheme for drink containers in the next term of parliament. The letter was signed by 80 local, state and national groups and businesses, representing 100,000 Victorians.

Victoria is the last mainland state to commit to this scheme, which is proven to significantly decrease litter, increases recycling and is estimated to provide a fundraising boost of \$50 million to Victorian community and charity groups each year.

“It’s about time we did this in Victoria. During the recent Spring Clean the City event, we collected close to 7,000 litres of litter and a whopping third of it was containers! If they were worth 10 cents each, we simply would not see them littered. We have a serious container litter problem in Victoria and this is the most effective solution that brings massive social benefits to boot”, said Dr. Annett Finger from the Boomerang Alliance.

In the latest poll, 84% of Victorians were in favour of a container deposit scheme.

“We will publish a score card with the responses from the leaders of all parties in early November, so Victorians can decide if they’d like less litter, better recycling and \$50 million per year more for charities”.

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Melbourne, the 10<sup>th</sup> of October 2018

Dear Party leaders,

We, the undersigned, are calling on you to include the support for a Container Deposit Scheme in your policies for the State election scheduled for the 24th of November 2018.


Specifically, we ask that you make a **commitment to introduce a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria, in the next Term of Parliament.**

A Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria will slash container litter rates, promote recycling, create more employment and provide vital funds to community organisations interested in collecting cans and bottles.

Yours sincerely,

80 undersigned organisations, representing ~100,000 of Victorians.

Boomerang Alliance 

Plasticfree Victoria Alliance (PVA) 

St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria 

Australian Marine Conservation Society 

Environment Victoria 

Transition Warrigal 

Healesville Environment Watch Inc 

Bendigo Zero Waste 

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3199 Beach Patrol



No Waste Ballarat



Stawell Urban Landcare



Marine Mammal Foundation



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Mt Eliza Less Waste and Plastic Free



Love Our Street



Port Melbourne Beach Patrol



PlasticBagFree Torquay

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Yarra Riverkeeper



Werribee Riverkeeper



Australian Religious Response to Climate Change

Australian Religious Response to Climate Change



Werribee Beach Patrol



PlasticBagFree Victoria



3191 Sandringham Beach Patrol



Australians for Refunds on Cans And Bottles



Beach Patrol Australia



Tangaroa Blue



Friends of Emerald Lake Park

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Croydon Conservation Society



Bayside Climate Change Action Group



BEAM Mitchell Environment Group Inc



Southern Dandenongs Landcare Group



Friends of Langwarrin Outdoors & Waterways



Sea Shepherd Marine Debris Campaign



Altona Beach Patrol

**Friends of Woodlands Historic Park**

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Albert Park Beach Patrol



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Mount Evelyn War On Waste



South Melbourne Beach Patrol



Plastic Bag Free Frankston



3941 Tootgarook Beach Patrol



Beach Patrol Hampton 3188



3016 Williamstown Beach Patrol



3193 Ricketts Point Beach Patrol



3198 Seaford Beach Patrol



Johns Hill Landcare Group INC



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Emerald RSL



Association of International Seafood Professionals



Emerald Lions Club



Yarra Valley Ecosystem



Monbulk Landcare Group



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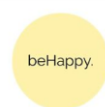
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