

Boomerang Alliance Policy Recommendations South Australian Election March 2022

Expand the Container Deposit Scheme in 2022

Include wine and spirit bottles, bottle tops, larger juice containers and milk cartons. A trial reusable container collection should be established, given the recent Coca Cola announcement to introduce reusable containers into their product lines.

Consideration should also be given to increasing the container refund to 20 cents to maximise the return rate and take it above 90%.

Expand Single Use Plastics Bans

We welcome the 1 March ban on expanded polystyrene cups, bowls, plates and containers and the supply of oxo-degradable plastics.

In addition, we call for a commitment to ban the other items listed for consideration in the *Turning the Tide on Plastics Consultation Paper* by 2023.

In particular coffee cups/lids, all plastic bags and plastic containers and integrated packaging. Items such as plastic microbeads, plastic cottons bud sticks and balloon releases and items containing microplastics (e.g., cigarette butts) should be banned as soon as practical.

MSW landfill ban by 2023

We support the SA Conservation Council call for a 90% diversion of MSW waste from landfill by 2023, with state-wide organics and food waste collections introduced.

The removal of organics from landfill is a crucial component in developing a circular economy, supporting more productive soils and creating further

resource recovery opportunities. It will confirm South Australia's position as a leader in waste reduction in Australia.

Support Product Stewardship for Packaging

Support a national packaging product stewardship scheme and binding standards for reusable, compostable and recyclable packaging. This will ensure the achievement of national packaging targets, and that products labelled as such, are reused, composted, or recycled, in practice.

We also note that the NSW Government has flagged the option of introducing mandatory targets in that State, if national targets are not met.

Promote Reusable Cups and Containers

Investigate the potential for further reusable container use in South Australia.

BYO cups are becoming more common and returnable containers at supermarkets and for takeaway food are increasingly available. Many retailers are looking at introducing reusable/refillable services based on overseas retailer experience and growing demands from their customers.

This initiative should examine how to better promote reusables, examine any impediments to uptake and then actively encourage more reusable container use.