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Boomerang Alliance kicks off cash for container campaign in Victoria

Boomerang Alliance, a coalition of 46 environmental groups, has kicked off the Victorian Cash for Containers campaign with an action meeting of groups, such as Beach Patrol, Sea Shepherd, Australian Marine Conservation Society, AMMCF, and local clean up groups.

“The Victorian government says it has a wait and see policy – but this is just an excuse for inaction – meanwhile the litter from drink bottles and cans piles up. Victoria is the no action state when compared to the rest of Australia, which is moving ahead on refund schemes and plastic bag bans,” said Jeff Angel Director of the Alliance.

“Cash for container schemes are proving successful in reducing beverage litter and increasing recycling rates all over the world. There are significantly less containers littered in jurisdictions with refund schemes (e.g. South Australia). Analysis of litter volume data and Sustainability Victoria’s research shows Victoria has a serious problem. Many local clean-up groups want action. Wherever we turn, we are met with people ready to push this forward”, said Annett Finger, Boomerang Alliance’s campaigner for Victoria.

