

## ***Cleanaway congratulates Victorian Government for Container Deposit Scheme announcement***

Cleanaway welcomes today's announcement by the Victorian Government to adopt a split responsibility container deposit scheme (CDS). This model has been shown to drive higher return rates which will kick-start a circular economy in Victoria to deliver social, economic and environmental benefits.

"Cleanaway congratulates the Victorian Government on choosing a scheme that provides convenience and access for the public and a variety of opportunities for charities and community groups to participate," said Cleanaway's Victorian Solid Waste Services General Manager Matt McKenzie.

The split responsibility CDS adopted by the Victorian Government, separating funding and operational roles, creates positive commercial tension and clarity of purpose for all stakeholders. Each scheme partner has distinct drivers for cost efficiency, high consumer redemption rates, good citizen access and scheme integrity. The scheme coordinator is motivated to manage the scheme's costs efficiently, while the network operator is motivated to increase participation and drive container returns.

Under a split responsibility CDS model Victorians can expect to see:

- High return in bottles, securing a clean stream of material for the jobs and industries in the circular economy
- Consumer convenience for returns and cutting-edge technology such as reverse vending machines
- Opportunities for charities and community groups to participate in fundraising and social enterprise activities
- Scheme transparency and accountability
- A significant reduction in litter, particularly in our waterways

Cleanaway looks forward to participating in any open market processes related to the CDS and will continue to work closely with the Victorian Government towards building a domestic circular economy and a more sustainable future.

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*Australia's waste industry employs directly and indirectly over 50,000 Australians and provides essential services to the community.*