

## **Cleanaway appointed Victorian Deposit Scheme Network Operator**

Cleanaway today announces that TOMRA Cleanaway has been appointed as the Network Operator for the Victorian Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) for Zones 1 and 4.

These attractive zones cover Western Regional Victoria and Western Metropolitan Melbourne, which equates to approximately one-third of the state of Victoria in geographic terms with a population of over 2 million. It is estimated that half a billion eligible drink containers will be collected through these zones annually.

The scheme is anticipated to commence on 1 November 2023 with an initial Network Operator contract duration of five years.

TOMRA Cleanaway is a 50/50 joint venture between Cleanaway and TOMRA that brings together Cleanaway's logistics capability and TOMRA's reverse vending machine technology to deliver a comprehensive CDS network. Cleanaway has extensive experience in various container deposit schemes across the country, with the TOMRA Cleanaway joint venture reappointed as the sole Network Operator for the highly successful NSW scheme last year.

As the Network Operator TOMRA Cleanaway will be responsible for the Victorian CDS network of return points, including Reverse Vending Machines, over-the-counter drop offs and automated depots. The joint venture will also be responsible for ensuring the resources collected through the scheme are sent to appropriate destinations for recycling.

Cleanaway's CEO and Managing Director, Mark Schubert said, *"We are excited and proud to deliver a superior recycling solution to Victoria. Cleanaway's Blueprint 2030 strategy is centred around delivering sustainable customer solutions. Today's CDS announcement is a great example of strategy into action as we further extend our network of infrastructure and integrate it together for customers."*

*"We are making a significant capital investment to deliver on our Victorian Network Operator obligations and when combined with our investments in bottle to pellet recycling facilities for PET, polypropylene and HDPE, creates a highly circular solution for resources collected through the scheme,"* he said.

It is anticipated that a portion of the material collected through the Victorian CDS and sold on the open market will provide feedstock for Circular Plastic Australia facilities in Altona, Laverton and Albury-Wodonga.\*

Cleanaway looks forward to participating in the Victorian CDS and help create better environmental and economic outcomes for all Victorians.

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*\*The Circular Plastics Australia (PET) facility in Altona is a joint venture between Cleanaway, PACT Group, Asahi Beverages and Coca Cola Europacific Partners to reprocess 28,000 tonnes of PET into plastic pellets. These pellets can then be turned into recycled packaging that is equivalent to 1 billion PET bottles a year. The Altona facility will commence operation in the second half of this year and complements the Albury-Wodonga PET facility already operating and producing PET pellets ready to be turned back into packaging.*

*Cleanaway in partnership with PACT Group will also open in the second half of this year a new plastics pelletising facility at Laverton called Circular Plastics Australia (PE). This facility will become Australia's largest post-consumer HDPE and polypropylene recycling facility converting locally collected CDS and kerbside materials into high quality food grade recycled HDPE and recycled polypropylene resin.*

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