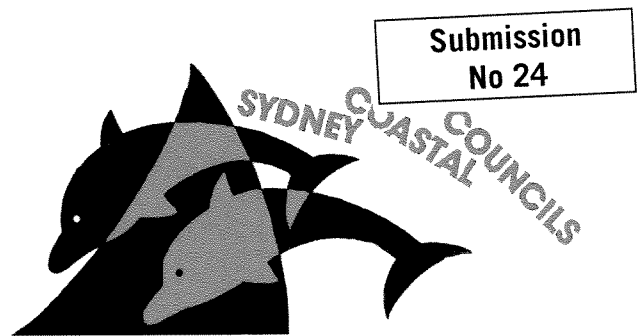


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Re: Municipal Waste Management in New South Wales

Thank you for inviting the Sydney Coastal Councils Group Inc. (SCCG) to make a submission to the NSW Standing Committee on Public Works Inquiry into Municipal Waste Management in New South Wales.

SCCG would like to take this opportunity to restate its support for the introduction of Container Deposit Legislation (CDL) in NSW. The introduction of CDL would have significant environmental and economic benefits as has been demonstrated in South Australia and overseas.

The SCCG submission to the Independent Review of CDL in NSW, undertaken in 2000, stated the Groups support for the introduction of CDL for financial and environmental reasons. The views expressed in this submission were supported in *The Independent Review of Container Deposit Legislation in NSW* published by the Institute for Sustainable Futures in 2002 that found the introduction of CDL would potentially have a net economic benefit of \$100 – 150 million per year. This valuation did not include the value of increased amenity due to a reduction in litter which has been the major driver for the introduction of CDL within Australia and overseas.

The introduction of CDL will also have a positive effect on Council kerbside recycling activities. *The Independent Review of Container Deposit Legislation in NSW* concluded that the introduction of CDL would improve financial performance of kerbside recycle in NSW by reducing its costs.

Therefore SCCG strongly recommend the Inquiry consider the benefits of CDL under the best practice methods, including cost effectiveness, of planning and providing municipal waste management services term of reference for this inquiry.

I trust that the information provided in this submission will receive appropriate attention. If you wish to clarify any matter in the submission or require further information, please contact Craig Morrison (Coastal Projects Officer) on 9246 7702 or craig@sydneycoastalcouncils.com.au

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