

# OPEN LETTER TO THE VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT

We, the undersigned, urge you to implement a **best practice Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) model that will successfully address Victoria’s waste and litter problem.** Specifically, we support that this is designed along the lines of the proposed **‘Split Responsibility CDS Model’.**

Victoria will be the last state to introduce a CDS. This puts Victoria in an enviable position to be able to learn from others and choose best practice. The split responsibility model has proven to be the **most effective in growing recycling and slashing the amount of container litter polluting parks, streets, rivers and oceans.**

Split models have also proven to provide **maximum convenience and equal access for community members, create more jobs in recycling and provide valuable sources of income for charities, community groups and individuals interested in collecting cans and bottles.**

Once established, new infrastructure and management is hard to change, so **it’s best to get the fundamentals right at the start.**

**Over 50,000 Victorians have already signed the petition opposing CDS management by large beverage companies.**

**Our organisations are joining the Victorian community in supporting the adoption of an effective split responsibility model.**

Beach Patrol Australia (on behalf of 52 Beach Patrol and Love Our Street groups)

Balcombe Estuary Reserves Group (BERG) Mt Martha

Dandenong Ranges Renewable Energy Association (DRREA)

Dolphin Research Institute

RAW Travel

Mornington Peninsula Landcare Network

Plastic Wise Torquay

Peninsula Preservation Group Inc

Sea Shepherd

SEED Sustainability Solutions

Sheepwash Creek Catchment Landcare Group

Waste Wise Mornington Peninsula

Zero Waste Swan Hill

