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VICTORIA'S CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

As part of its Recycling Victoria initiative, the Victorian Government has released a discussion paper on its Container Deposit Scheme. It has flagged it prefers a CDS similar to NSW's scheme, rather than Community (Producer Responsibility) Schemes that operate in QLD, WA, SA and NT.

Here are some important facts to compare the schemes:

	Community (Producer Responsibility) Scheme – QLD and WA	NSW Scheme
 Structure	Run by Not-For-Profit Coordinator – beverage industry makes no profit, but incentivises others to do so.	Run for profits of multinational waste companies. Last year, the NSW network operator (Tomra/Cleanaway) received \$130.1m from the scheme, profits of which are sent offshore.
 Forecast jobs created in Victoria*	1220	445
 Benefits for Community Organisations & Small Businesses (Refund Points)	6.5 cents per container (full handling fee)	3.5 – 4.5 cents per container (network operator takes cut from charities & community orgs).
 Refund Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mix of depots, bag drop offs, pop ups and reverse vending machines with minimum service standards set by legislation. This locks in mandated convenience and accessibility & refund points also incentivised to open longer. For example – in WA, legislation determines there must be one refund point per 12,700 people. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Largely automated reverse vending machines, limiting job creation, especially in regional areas. In NSW, legislation determines there must be one refund point per 13,100 people.
 Cost efficiency*	Forecast cost of Victorian CDS - \$520 million per yr	Forecast cost of Victorian CDS - \$606 million per yr
 Cost per container (plus 10c refund)	8.6 cents per container (QLD Scheme)	9.3 cents (NSW Scheme)
 Rates of recycling/redemption (first 18 months of scheme operation)	43.2% (QLD Scheme)	38.07% (NSW Scheme)
	QLD is 14% higher	
 Containers collected through collection network (first 18 months of scheme operation)	330 containers per capita (QLD Scheme)	241 containers per capita (NSW Scheme)
	QLD is 37% higher	
 Vic community orgs as Refund Points* (including football clubs, charities, community groups)	Forecast to benefit \$64 million per year	Forecast to benefit \$5 million per year
 Forecast revenue to large waste companies*	Forecast \$80 million per year	Forecast \$297 million per year
 Where Recycled Material Goes	Open market for recycled materials, promoting circular economy and investment in recycling infrastructure in Vic. Sale of material reduces overall scheme cost.	Operator keeps material for themselves to sell to who they want in a closed market. Operator retains profit for sale of material.



There's no doubt whatsoever that the Community Producer Responsibility Model delivers a better outcome for community organisations and charities. We've seen it in action and it works.

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