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### COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS URGED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON NEW CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME

Community organisations, sporting clubs and charities are being urged to have their say on the design of Victorian Government's Container Deposit Scheme, before public consultation closes in ten days.

"It's important community organisations have their say as it could mean the difference in how much they benefit," said VicRecycle Director Jeff Maguire.

The Victorian Government has released a discussion paper saying its preferred model was similar to the scheme that operates in NSW.

"That would mean community organisations acting as refund points would only receive a handling fee of 3.5 - 4.5 cents per container collected. In WA, SA, QLD, and NT, refund points receive 6.5 cents per container collected, in addition to 10 cents donated by the consumer should they choose to do so.

"The Community (Producer Responsibility) Schemes in Queensland, SA, Western Australia and NT are the most transparent, the most cost-efficient, deliver the most jobs and have the greatest benefit for community organisations.

"Schemes in these states are seeing millions of dollars flow through to community organisations, charities and sporting clubs – and hundreds of jobs created.

"Victoria needs a scheme that is open to greater participation by small business and local community groups, increases recycling and has benefits that flow through to all Victorian communities.

"The only scheme that delivers these outcomes is the Community (Producer Responsibility) Scheme."

CEO of Scouts Recycling and Scouts SA Dan Ryan said:

"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," Mr Ryan said.

"The scheme has delivered \$30m to supporting scouting in SA over the last 10 years."

More information about the differences and benefits of the various schemes for community organisations is available at [www.vicrecycle.com.au](http://www.vicrecycle.com.au) or via this [Quick Facts factsheet](#).

To have your say as part of the Government's community consultation, visit [Engage Victoria](#).