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Mr Mike Aldridge
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Dear Mr Aldridge

Thank you for your correspondence regarding container deposit legislation. I appreciate you bringing your views to my attention.

The NSW Government recognises that packaging waste is a major issue for our environment and local communities. Australian Environment Ministers are reviewing existing container deposit schemes and better ways to manage Australia's packaging waste. As part of this review, the environmental and economic costs and benefits of many different options to increase recycling and reduce litter are being assessed. Prior to the end of the year, the NSW Government will make an informed decision based on the available evidence to arrive at a solution that is both environmentally effective and economically responsible.

This reform will be part of the broader action being undertaken by the NSW Government to reduce litter generally, with the aim that NSW will have the lowest litter count per capita in Australia by 2016. Through the *Waste Less, Recycle More* program, \$20 million will be used over five years to revitalise anti-littering efforts across NSW, including new education and community awareness campaigns, new and upgraded litter infrastructure and targeted enforcement programs.

If you have any further questions on these issues, please contact Mr Henry Moore, Manager, Waste Innovation and Strategy at the NSW Environment Protection Authority on (02) 9995 5734.

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Thank you for writing to me on this important issue.

Yours sincerely

MIKE BAIRD MP
Premier

