Customers

Draft Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Bill 2024

The South Australian Government is seeking feedback on the draft Environment Protection (Beverage Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Bill 2024 (the draft Amendment Bill). This information sheet provides a summary of what the key changes in the draft Amendment Bill mean for customers.

What the changes mean for customers

The draft Amendment Bill will not change what containers are eligible for a 10-cent refund.

A proposed new scheme objective is to:

"*Provide communities throughout the whole of the State, as far as practicable, with access to facilities for the collection of empty beverage containers and the payment of refund amounts*" (new s.64E(1)(e))

The scheme coordinator would be required to maximise community participation in the container deposit scheme (CDS) and to maintain public awareness of the scheme.

The draft Amendment Bill also provides for the ability for the regulations to prescribe customer services standards for container refund points (new s.68D(3)(d)).

Key benefits:

- Improved community accessibility and service experience driven by the scheme coordinator and container refund points
- Broader range of return options including reverse vending machines and pop-up returns identified via the scheme coordinator's strategic plan
- Scheme wide IT platform enabling EFT directly to a customer bank account or payment to donation partners.

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Further information

Legislation

Online legislation is freely available.

General information

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