



TASRecycle

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COMMUNITY, SPORTING GROUPS & SMALL BUSINESS TO BE LOCKED OUT OF CONTAINER RECYCLING

TASRecycle has today expressed deep disappointment over the Tasmanian Government's decision to ignore their own independent expert advice and instead adopt a monopoly, high-cost, for-profit model for their Container Deposit Scheme.

"This is a deeply disappointing decision which will lock community, sporting groups and small businesses out of the benefits of container recycling," TASRecycle's Ben Kearney said.*

"We are perplexed as to why the Minister ignored his own independent expert advice and instead adopted a scheme which will be higher cost, lock out community and sporting groups, and is likely to benefit a monopoly big business model over Tasmanian small businesses.

"The big winners out of this decision are the for-profit waste industry, and unfortunately community, sporting groups, small business owners and their staff and the unemployed are the losers.

"Beverage producers such as Boags were looking to take stewardship for their own packaging by setting up a not-for-profit community scheme to manage this responsibility in Tasmania, and this decision sends the message that the Government is simply not interested in their operations or views.

"TASRecycle will continue to engage stakeholders constructively on a progressive community focused not for profit model," said Mr Kearney.

**See government fact sheet: "We want the network of Refund Points to be run by companies with expertise in logistics and recycling."*

[Container Refund Scheme | Department of Primary Industries, Parks, Water and Environment, Tasmania \(dpiuwe.tas.gov.au\)](#)

TASRecycle is a not-for-profit joint initiative founded by Coca-Cola Amatil and Lion Co

(owners of Boags Brewery) to ultimately be run independently by its board.

Coca-Cola Amatil and Lion have been involved in the operation and administration of container deposit or refund schemes for more than 40 years, having been involved in implementing four schemes across Australia in the last six years. They have a unique ability to leverage their experience and resources to deliver a successful independently overseen scheme designed uniquely for Tasmania.

