

# Jarrod BLEIJIE MP

Shadow Minister for Employment, Industrial Relations,  
Skills and Training and Shadow Minister for Fair Trading

Member for Kawana

## Media Release

### **LNP Cash for Containers scheme to clean up Sunny Coast**

8 June 2016

- **LNP container deposit scheme to protect environment and grow jobs**
- **Sunshine Coast community groups given the opportunity to benefit from cashing in containers**
- **Similar schemes in other states see more than 80 per cent of consumers cash in their containers**

The LNP has committed to a policy that will address one of Queensland's enduring environmental issues – cans and bottles littering our land and waterways and creating excess land fill issues.

Member for Kawana, Jarrod Bleijie, said the LNP would introduce a container deposit scheme (CDS) that would see Sunshine Coast consumers, businesses and charities refunded 10 cents for aluminium, glass and plastic drink containers returned for recycling.

"The LNP's plan would deliver a great win for the Sunshine Coast environment, result in less visual pollution and could create hundreds of jobs across Queensland in the recycling sector."

"This is a landmark decision to clean-up the Sunshine Coast and better protect our environment," Mr Bleijie said.

Toby Hutcheon, QLD Manager of Boomerang Alliance, labelled the announcement as a win for the environment as well as the community.

"A cash for container scheme means that the Sunshine Coast will have significantly less litter. It also means that community organisations like Scouts and Guides and school P&C's can make money by collecting bottles and cans," Mr Hutcheon said.

Mr Bleijie said community groups on the Sunshine Coast will have the opportunity to organise community clean-up events and cash in containers through the scheme to aid fundraising efforts for other activities.

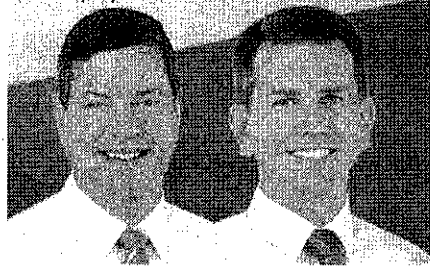
"It's estimated that Queensland community groups could claim over \$25 million from deposits and handling fees, and create hundreds of new jobs across the state in the recycling sector," he said.

Narelle McCarthy, spokesperson for the Sunshine Coast Environment Council, welcomed the announcement of a CDS for Queensland.

"The introduction of a CDS is one of the most significant actions Queensland can take to effectively reduce litter, increase recycling rates and to curb the appalling amounts of plastics devastating the marine environment" she said

"With Queenslanders using an incredible 2.4 billion containers per year, the recycling of 80% of bottles and cans under a CDS will make a massive difference to the environment, communities and economy of Queensland."

Mr Bleijie said the introduction of the CDS reaffirmed the LNP's commitment to grassroots environmental policies and would bring Queensland in line with other states across Australia.



# Jarrood BLEIJIE MP

Shadow Minister for Employment, Industrial Relations,  
Skills and Training and Shadow Minister for Fair Trading

*Member for Kawana*

## Media Release

"In states where a Container Deposit Scheme has been introduced, more than 80 per cent of consumers return containers and a 2015 Newspoll showed 85 per cent of Queenslanders supported a CDS.

"The index shows our litter rate is 41 per cent higher than the national average, with 72 items of litter per 1000 m<sup>2</sup>, and we should be doing everything we can to clean up Queensland," he said.

### **Key Facts:**

- Qld can expect container litter to fall by 60% and create hundreds of new jobs in recycling.
- NSW will be introducing a CDS in 2017 and Qld should investigate the prospect of partnering with NSW.
- In states where a Container Deposit Scheme has been introduced, more than 80 per cent of consumers return containers.

**Media contact: Aaron Soden-Taylor 0406 303 122**