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I accept there is evidence from other countries that DRS works. But the whole system seems so complicated and admin heavy.

The DRS is also complicated for the consumer who now has to separate items in that scheme and take them to different location to dispose of.

It will be a nightmare for small outlets.

In an average city kitchen there is barely room for 1 bin let alone the 2-3 needed if you have a wheelie bin collection. In our rural kitchen we already have waste split at least 8 ways (when you compost yourself and have to take the other waste to a bottle bank or a waste centre). We pay upfront for special plastic bags for recycling – which ends up being more expensive than just using the 'dump' as most recycling is light. We pay for 'dump' rubbish by weight. If DRS comes in we will have to have another 'bin' and take it to yet another location.

It is so expensive to take waste to the Centre it encourages the irresponsible (or people who simply cannot afford) to dump illegally.

I suggest

- All collection and disposal of recycling waste is not charged to the consumer
- You get tokens for recycling waste that can be given to local community groups to redeem
- Waste collectors monitor the quality of recycling and can penalise people who are abusing the system. (difficult I know)
- Companies that generate that waste are taxed for it. And taxed more if a product is complicated to recycle. And taxed even more if it is not recyclable at all. It's up to them if they charge the consumer or take the hit in their profits.

Yours faithfully

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