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Dear Sir / Madam

I have read the consultation information leaflets and would like to address the posed questions.

Yes, I feel the centralised operational model would be best option overall for Ireland. It will mean the producers will make more of an effort to make it a success. It also means there is a better chance that they will start to use recycled products - thus reducing the need for "new plastic or cans".

There is currently a lot of pressure on waste collectors for kerbside. But if the collection points were more central for an industrial type collection, it may be better. Or perhaps, something similar to the collection of Clinical Waste in Ireland from medical settings. Here, there are dedicated collectors. Special, environmental vehicles should also be looked into, if at all possible. All this I think would take pressure off standard waste collectors, and again, ensure a higher rate of success.

€0.20 refund is a good option overall. However, perhaps less should be offered for products of less than 500ml plastic bottles, or from multipack products.

Regarding how to get the information out initially, it would need to take a multi media approach. So this ensures all age groups and households are reached. I feel it is important to keep in mind the environmental impacts in this step too - Eg. a leaflet drop through An Post. It may be better to have posters at the point of sale instead, say on the fridges. And / Or at current recycling collection points. Social media could play a role then, with Ad Banners on popular sites, plus via RTE and TnaG etc.

Enforcement measures a difficult one as it is already very difficult to monitor - but fines would be the most obvious option.

Regarding the cross border issues, it is also a difficult one. But would looking at barcodes be option? Since each producer and product has it's own barcode anyway on each side of the border. Thus a refund is only applicable if purchased in the South. Or if at all possible, to have a Cross Border Initiative would be better again. As someone who lives in a border county, I can see issues with this end of the scheme.

As an aside, I am part of a Community Health Forum, while personally very active and keen on improving lifestyle to be more environmentally friendly. It would be brilliant to bring this scheme to Ireland. And I would offer the suggestion of the Twin Towns of Ballybofey and Stranorlar in Co. Donegal as options to run a pilot version if possible.

Wishing everyone well

Kind regards

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