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Please find enclosed submission supporting the introduction of a deposit return scheme.

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Deposit Return Scheme

Submission to

Dept of the Environment, Climate and Communications

I wish to make the following observations in relation to the consultation of a Deposit Return Scheme for various bottles, containers etc currently under consideration.

I have served in local government as an elected Councillor for the past 29 years having been first elected in 1991 on a number of occasions, I had the City Council agree with the need to introduce a deposit scheme in relation to the sustainable collection / reuse of single use plastic bottles, glass bottles i.e. beer and soft drink / various beverage cans etc. but unfortunately this is something the Dept of the Environment needs approval from to introduce and this was never forthcoming as they always mentioned there was an agreement with REPAK.

I am a long-time member of our environmental group here in Ballyfermot (Ballyfermot Environmental Group) we regularly do community clean-ups on our streets, parks and waterways (Grand Canal). I regret the main waste we collect comes from the above sources and without an adequate incentive to ensure the bottle, can etc carry a monetary value we are wasting our time.

My community, my countryside is screaming for this system to be introduced similar to Germany, France, Austria etc. I had a group of young people in Germany a couple of years ago a 500ml bottle of

Pepsi was €1.25c plus a refundable deposit of 25c for the bottle drink the product , return the bottle and instant refund not rocket science.

On another trip a few years ago I brought a group of young people from Ballyfermot & Clondalkin to Baltimore in West Cork for a sailing trip with Glenans Irish Sailing Club we collected 5 black bags of bottles on one of our trips to a small unhabituated islands washed up from the mainland, our forest floors have soft drink cans on the floor for years hence it's a no brainer to bring this very progressive deposit return scheme as a matter of urgency.



Chairperson

South Central Area Committee.