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To whom it may concern,

Please consider my following points in the establishment of a deposit scheme for Ireland. I'm sure the introduction and implementation will cause concern as typically people and industry don't like big radical changes. At this point can i remind you that this country in the past has made two big changes in the past, the smoking ban and the introduction of the plastic bag levy. Both were met with resistance but are now seen as positive changes to society, health and the environment. The same impact will be the same with the introduction of a DRS.

Please consider my following bullet points.

- 1) Very important to reduce littering and plastic (micro) entering our environment
- 2) The positive impact on a cleaner environment and sense and pride of place. The environment will stay cleaner for longer once we deal with the *on the go products* .
- 3) Less contamination therefore increasing the percentage of plastic that can be recycled.
- 4) Nobody has done a study on the amount of plastic bottles and cans that are illegally burnt in backyards etc to avoid rubbish collection charges. Some people might not see the point to return items to council tips even when there is no or little charge. Turning the bottle and can into a commodity will change this overnight.
- 5) Personally i know the positive change this could make as i have been involved in my local tidy town group for the last 8 years. It would make a huge impact on the environment and save many man hours litter picking. Also with the reduction of cans and plastic bottles would i feel bring down the level of other items of litter.

Thank you

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