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To Whom it May Concern,

I am very familiar with the operation of a DRS scheme having experienced it Germany. It worked well there because most supermarkets and off licences participate fully in the scheme. However there is one other major factor that needs to be reckoned with. In the area I am familiar with, the brewers and bottled water suppliers sold their products in reusable plastic crates - not unlike the milk crates of old. Used and empty bottles could be returned in the original crate for refilling or recycling depending on condition. This process is by far more sustainable than simple recycling and transfers more of the costs and logistics onto the producers and vendors instead and away from local authorities for collection and sorting. It also avoids the problematic feedback loop of waste being a valuable commodity (private firms being given lucrative contracts to handle waste does not give an economic incentive to reduce waste). Having producers and vendors as an integral part of the process will eventually result in the usage cycle becoming more efficient, economic and competitive.

I truly hope that DRS becomes a reality for a variety of materials in Ireland.

Yours Sincerely,

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