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Dear Reader,

having lived in a country (Norway) where DRS recycling practices are prevalent, I would lend my support for such a system and advocate for its implementation throughout Ireland. The 'pant' system in Norway works in conjunction with major supermarket chains and there is a choice with how the user wants to recoup the deposit. They can either give the money to a charity (e.g. Red Cross) or use the deposit against the cost of a shop in the supermarket in question. I think it works quite well whilst at the same time appeasing the neoliberals with private sector involvement.

A corollary of the Norwegian system is that those less well off, particularly the homeless, are on a constant search for recyclable cans and bottles. For me personally, this is not a problem, however, the rooting through public bins is a common sight. Some conservatives, who prefer that poverty be seen but not heard, might find such agency as offensive and 'send the wrong message' to visitors of these shores. Conversely, it does precisely that: give a modicum of agency to those most vulnerable in society.

Finally, I believe it is the drinks and beverage industry that should pay for the roll-out of the system throughout Ireland.

Kind regards,

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