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Hi There

As part of the public consultation here are my responses to some of the questions posed and other comments.

Thanks for the clear document, as a citizen actively interested in climate change and Ireland's waste impact - I'm excited about this project, happy for it to start and overall hopeful that the finished scheme is as ambitious as possible.

other comments;
why not glass?

Why not cartons and milk plastic containers? is that from lobbying by the dairy industry?

Is the dairy industry to be supported into moving to providing their milk in glass or can they just continue as is, irrespective of climate impact. Are their plans to phase out their milk cartons and funding / support for this? If not why not - this needs to be addressed.

The Report recommends a centralised, operational model for Ireland. Do you agree with this recommendation?

Yes

Are there other models you believe could work in an Irish context?

Ideally we can take feedback from those who run existing schemes across the EU - I hope you can contact those implementing them and set ours up taking recommendations into account whilst considering our unique perspective to build the most appropriate scheme.

What role should waste collectors play in the operation of a DRS?

I would think none in the operation and management of the scheme - that is if that is best practice across EU examples.

Waste collectors need to clearly communicate to their customers what should be put in each bin, monitor those who are not doing this and support their customers to comply in a better way. This could be mandated, supported and in partnership with the government.

IE if they are no longer to take cans and hard plastic - they need to articulate this clearly to their customers.

The DRS study proposes a deposit per container of €0.20. Do you think this is appropriate? If not should it be higher or lower or should different deposit rates apply depending on container size?

Happy with this - I would think don't over complicate - no matter the size each unit for that one price. Subject to change if larger items are discarded as a result later in the scheme.

What enforcement measures should be considered in parallel with the introduction of a DRS?

Support and awards for the most compliant business. Promotion of the most compliant & possibly Ireland white information booklet but printed on plastic free, ideally recycled paper - showing top down knowledge of the impact of printing on virgin paper & the importance across the board of changing our habits.

How should cross-border issues be treated to ensure producers are not at a competitive disadvantage relative to producers in Northern Ireland?

The UK will be following suit on this one - just like the plastic bags and smoking ban. Offer NI support and information openly, publicly before announced and once announced.

Thanks for taking the time to read, best of luck with formulating the plan. Delighted it's going ahead,

