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Dear DRS Committee,

Having read the Deposit Return Scheme Consultation Paper I would like to make a few suggestions based on your questions put to the public. Unfortunately, I did not have the time to read the full report submitted by Eunomia, so apologies if there is any repetition.

Firstly, I would think that it would be best to opt for a Hybrid scheme to allow flexibility. I think it is important to have regulation surround this issue and would hope that more similar initiatives are to come in the future.

Secondly, and my biggest concern is the level of cleanliness the PET/aluminum is being returned. I think it may be a good idea to have a "cleaner" and "soiled" collection machine in all locations. I would propose that they be placed outside the participating store on the street to allow for passerby collection more easily.

Also I would suggest that the "soiled" collection point operates on a 24/7 basis. I believe this would allow the opportunity to reduce waste on the streets, especially when more people have taken to drinking on the streets/hanging out outside in general. Even for when business returns to usual there is generally a high proportion of people drinking on the streets. Having these collection points open 24/7 would allow for more efficient collection.

I've seen the DRS collections operating in Germany and one thing I noticed is that it encourages homeless people to bring bottles in from off the street. I think that this is great due to the fact that it allows them to generate their own revenue. Something I think is very important after seeing the effects of this pandemic on people. And also a strong argument for the "soiled" PET/tin collection points as it could allow for picking rubbish from the street. On that note, it would be a good idea to have hand sanitizer by the machines outside to encourage cleanliness/health. There is of course a risk incurred with picking up rubbish. Or perhaps gloves could be subsidised for homeless people at centres.

I also would wonder whether it would be possible in the future to collect aluminum foil if it is possible to collect the tins? Or would there be too much of a contamination risk?

And speaking on the contamination risk mentioned in your report - I think if milk plastic bottles cannot be a part of the scheme due to contamination there should be a tax on it to encourage people to buy milk cartons in its place.

A suggestion that came from my colleague was to say that in the future if there could be collection points around where there are large apartment complexes to allow for collection near the home. Perhaps this is something that would require more thought but just to throw the idea out there I've included it.

Thank you for your consideration,

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