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Good morning Sir/ Madam

I refer to the public consultation on potential models for a deposit and return scheme for Ireland . I wish to advise that the Environment , Climate Change and Emergency Management strategic Policy Committee of Kerry County Council have considered the consultation documents and wish to make the attached submission .

I would be obliged if you would acknowledge receipt of this submission

Regards

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Deposit Return Scheme - Consultation on Potential Models for Ireland

Submission from the Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Planning Strategic Policy Committee of Kerry County Council

The committee welcomes the opportunity to comment on the development of deposit return schemes for Ireland . This is a matter which the committee had previously discussed particularly in the context are being aware of the reverse vending machine for plastic bottles which had been installed in a supermarket in Monaghan .

it is the view of the committee that it is vital to reduce the amount of litter as well as ensuring that our actions contribute to the circular waste economy by reusing as many receptacles as possible . In that regard the committee notes that the present consultation relates to a deposit return scheme for plastic bottles and aluminium cans and whilst this is welcome would request that such deposit and return schemes might be extended to other materials .

The committee also wishes to pose the question as to whether the deposit and return scheme is ambitious enough given the current juncture of public opinion and renewed interest in the environment particularly driven by the current public health pandemic which we are experiencing . There is an opportunity which exists presently which may not exist into the future to harness that renewed relationship with the environment and perhaps to be more ambitious with the introduction of deposit and return schemes generally at this juncture .

The proposals as set out in the consultation document envisage a deposit and return scheme administered and managed centrally .The committee requests that consideration might be given to a hybrid approach where they MRF s take ownership of the recyclable material at a local or individual level and arrange the collection of producer waste . Perhaps some thought can be given to a more localised approach to ensure that there is citizen buy in to the proposed proposals

As chairman of the committee I wish to welcome this consultation and the opportunity to contribute to the future development of waste policy in Ireland .


Chairman

Environment , Climate Change and Emergency planning

Strategic Policy Committee

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