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Dear DECC,

I wish to update my submission to the DRS scheme for plastic bottles & aluminium cans. I hope that glass bottles will be included as the DRS rolls out in next few years - see my previous email below.

Re plastic bottles, will dirty and/or old bottles be able to be returned for recycling? I'm told that dirty bottles cannot be recycled. We collect a lot of old & dirty plastic bottles on the Grand Canal and we always wonder of they will/can be recycled. Hopefully they can, but will people need to clean them to get the refundable deposit?

Over the longer term, we need to move away from plastic bottles to glass and aluminium. Could the DRS be tweaked in some way to help the move away from plastic for producers and consumers alike?

Good luck with rolling out the DRS - it is badly needed.

Thanks & regards, ██████████████. - member of An Taisce and supporter of Friends of the Earth.

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Subject: DRS consultation - Glass bottles
   Date: Wed, 11 Nov 2020 10:52:38 +0000
   From ██████████
     To: Wastecomments@DCCAE.gov.ie

Dear DCCAE,

I wish to support the proposals to introduce a Deposit Return Scheme for cans and plastic bottles. We need to reduce packaging waste and litter in Ireland, especially plastic.

I would like the scheme to be extended to glass bottles. We should not have to recycle perfectly good bottles by breaking them up to make new bottles. Energy and water is needed for this process. We should re-use old bottles after cleaning and re-labelling them. We used to have re-usable bottles in the past - milk bottles on our doorstep and returnable beer and lemonade bottles. Why can't we return to this?

Thanks & regards,

██████████ member of an Taisce and supporter of Friends of the Earth.