

**LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**  
**Question Without Notice**

**Tuesday, 4 June 2019**

**C535. Hon Robin Chappie to the Minister for Environment**

I refer to the list of beverage containers covered by the container deposit scheme  
[https://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/our-work/programs/CDS/WA\\_CDS\\_beverage\\_container\\_list\\_-\\_final.pdf](https://www.der.wa.gov.au/images/documents/our-work/programs/CDS/WA_CDS_beverage_container_list_-_final.pdf)

and ask:

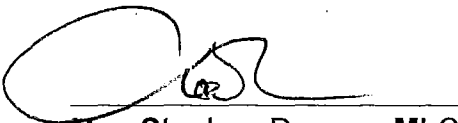
1. Why are the one litre and three litre or greater plastic containers of water, intended for human consumption excluded from the container deposit scheme?
2. Will the Minister review the scheme to include the 5, 10 and 15 litre bottles of water and the 22 litre kegs of water?
3. If no to 2.) why not, given the extensive use of plastics in these products?
4. Given that there are two methods currently of providing 15 litre bottle of water, one recyclable (a deposit on the bottle) and the other a disposable bottle at a cheaper price, will the minister standardise these to ensure all bottles are recyclable via deposit?
5. If no to 4.) why not?

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**Answer**

1. This government is looking forward to establishing the container deposit scheme in 2020 to reduce litter, increase recycling and deliver positive outcomes for social enterprise. It is not often that 5, 10 or 15 litre bottles, or indeed 22 litre kegs, are littered. I strongly support recycling these items through existing recycling facilities.

2-5. It is important that there is consistency regarding the eligibility of containers included in container deposit schemes across Australia. This consistency reduces barriers to trade across borders, lessens confusion for customers, and minimises costs to industry. In order to maintain this consistency, any review of eligible containers will be undertaken collaboratively, and in close consultation with other states and territories.



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