

*Submission by the  
YARRA RANGES COUNCIL*

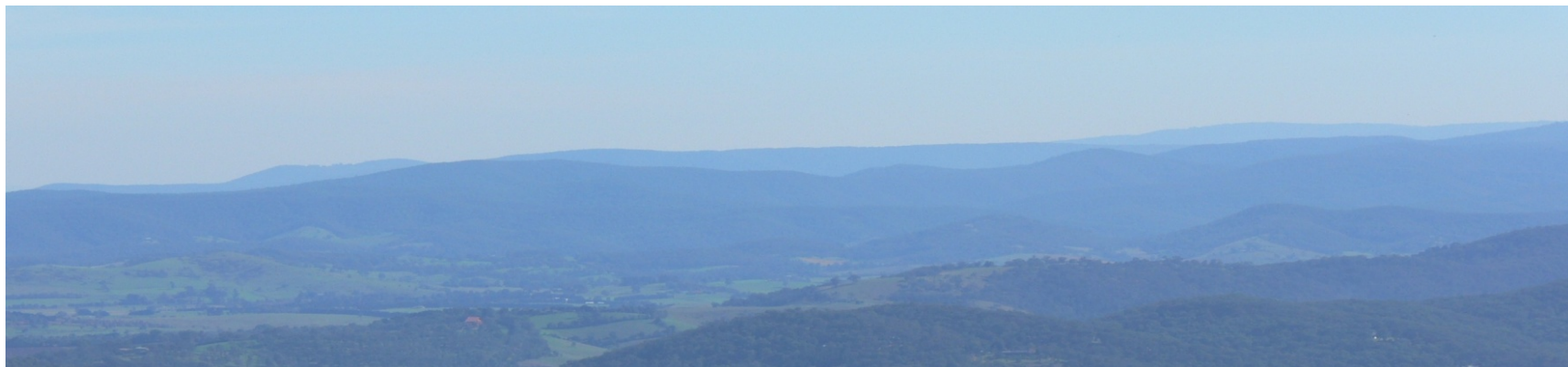
*to the Legislative Council  
Environment and Planning Legislation  
Committee*

*Inquiry into the Environment Protection Amendment  
(Beverage Container Deposit and Recovery Scheme)  
Bill 2011*



# About Yarra Ranges

- 2,500 square kilometres
- Significant environmental assets
- 149,500 residents
- 55, diverse and dispersed (some disadvantaged) communities
- 2.5 million tourists per annum
- \$150 million budget
- \$11 million spent on waste management



# Yarra Ranges Community

“the community has embraced the concept of a zero waste society” Vision 2020



To support our Community's Vision, Council has actively supported container deposit legislation since 2008.

Council's most recent resolution (April 2011) states that Council;

1. Writes to the Premier, Mr Ted Baillieu, the Deputy Premier, Mr Peter Ryan and the Minister for Environment and Climate Change, Mr Ryan Smith congratulating them on their previous support for Container Deposit legislation, and urging them to either initiate or support any new bills presented to the Victorian parliament, with copies of that letter sent to the State local upper and lower house members in Yarra Ranges.

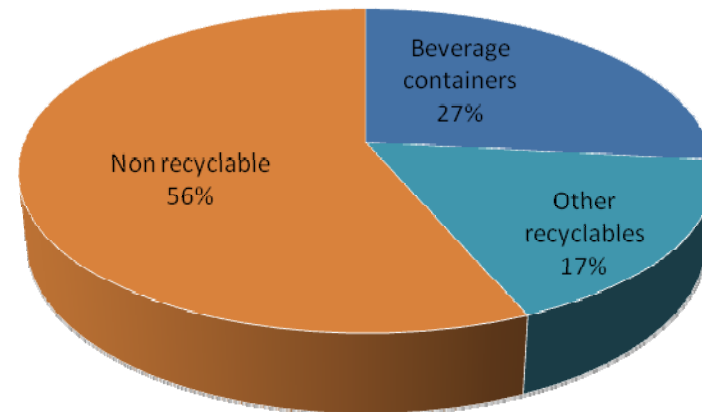
2. Writes to the federal Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Waste, Senator Don Farrell, urging him to introduce national Container Deposit legislation as a priority, with a copy of that letter to local Federal and Senate members in Yarra Ranges.
  
3. Forward copies of this motion to the MAV, and request that they support any legislation at both the state and federal level.

# Opportunities for Council

Potential reduction in street, pit, gross pollutant trap cleaning, and street/park bin emptying costs

May reduce the need for Council comingled street/park bins to be sorted

**Street Litter Bins Content**





Estimated savings on kerbside recycling due to increased value of containers that remain in bins

Council could operate a 'depot' at the 3 transfer stations

Litter reduction in parks and gardens, and townships.



# Opportunities for Community

Potential income for community fund raising groups

Potential income for individuals



Greater incentive for recycling to be adopted by hospitality industry, events and festivals, etc



# Opportunities for the Environment

Material saved from landfill

Reduced carbon emissions

Reduced water consumption

Reduced litter in creeks and streams



## **This Bill will support:**

Effective lifecycle management of single use beverage containers

Policies of Council and our initiatives (kerbside and street bin recycling and educational activities)



The Objectives of the National Packaging Covenant