

## **CA urges states on container deposit legislation**

The Country Alliance party has urged state and federal environmental ministers to give serious consideration to a container deposit legislation scheme when they meet in Hobart on May 22nd.

Party spokesman, Andrew Jones, said the legislation would go some way to addressing roadside litter on country roads. A roadside survey conducted in 2006 along a main highway in Mildura, identified one plastic bag and 139 beverage containers.

“While some states have been focussing on plastic bags, we think their efforts have been on the wrong target. Plastic bags can be reused but containers have to be discarded, and cleaning them up becomes a cost on local communities,” he said.

“A container deposit legislation scheme would go a fair way to ensuring they are not discarded on our roads, and can also provide a source of supplementary income from people who collect cans on roadsides as has been the experience in South Australia.”

“This is an idea that has been sponsored by the former Member for Mildura, Russell Savage, the Member for East Gippsland, Craig Ingram and the Mildura Rural City Council, and we congratulate them for taking this initiative. We just hope the environment ministers listen to what they have to say.”

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