

Council 23rd November 2008

Car Wash Facility

Water is a scarce resource and will become more so in the future. We need to ensure that non-essential uses are carefully regulated.

It has been suggested that this could create a reduction in carwash facilities leading to less competition and higher prices. However, as a scarce resource water's price is going to increase and carwash facilities that **do not** recycle water will be burdened by the subsequent increase to the cost of delivering their service. Not only that, as a high end user they will be contributing to the increasing cost of water.

I believe that since there is the option for car wash businesses to recycle water we should be insisting on that with any future DA's.

Container Deposit Scheme

In the Rationale I supplied to Council demonstrated the scheme's success all over the world and in SA.

We would see the reduction of litter from parks and roadsides by 12-15%, as well as 6% from our bins. These are significant savings.

Let alone achieving the reduction of over 1.3 million tonnes of CO₂ (which is equivalent of 197K homes switching to 100% renewable energy).

Water savings, improvement of air quality. All because we are recycling and not producing new plastic products.

It also saves the rate payers of Australia \$59.8 million dollars per annum.

And if that isn't enough to convince you of the benefits of CDS, think of all the happy children making pocket money out of returning their bottles. We had CDS when I was a child and I still remember making what I thought of as 'free pocket money'.

Notification of Council or Standing Committee Items

I believe that when matters of significant community interest are coming before us we have a duty to inform those that have shown interest by contributing to the discussion.

It is not always possible to keep abreast of what's coming up at our meetings. You have to be checking the internet every Monday and that's not always first on most of our residents' list of things to do.

I believe informing them will create goodwill and engender greater trust between Council and the community.

With respect I put this motion forward.

Acknowledging the Traditional Owners

I took this motion to the Aboriginal Advisory group yesterday and they were pleased that this was motion was being put forward.

Again, I do so as a measure of respect for this group in our community.