

## **Motions to 23<sup>rd</sup> November Council Meeting**

*Proposed Motion:*

### **Interested Parties Invited To Council Meetings**

Any Community Group, resident or interested party who has made a submission, written a letter or indicated interest in an item to come before a Council Meeting or Standing Committee be notified of its being listed on the business paper for discussion and/or decision.

Moved: Cr Linda Eisler

*Supporting Speech:*

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 is coming up at our meetings. You have to be checking the internet every Monday and that is 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.

**PASSED**

*Proposed Motion:*

### **Acknowledgement of Country**

At the beginning of Council and Standing Committee meetings an Acknowledgement of the Traditional Owners will be said:

*We wish to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land where we are meeting.*

*We would like to pay our respect to any people present and to the ancestors.*

Moved: Cr Linda Eisler

*Supporting Speech:*

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.

**PASSED**

*Proposed Motion:*

**Recycling Water in Car Wash Facilities**

Any future Car Wash facility development application, to be approved, must incorporate a water recycling facility.

Moved: Cr Linda Eisler

*Supporting Speech:*

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.

**PASSED**

*Proposed Motion:*

**Container Deposit Scheme Motion**

I move that Canterbury City Council acknowledges the significant environmental, economic and social benefits to ratepayers adopting a Container Deposit Scheme in NSW.

Also, letters be sent to the Premier and Minister of Environment and Climate for NSW stating our support for a Container Deposit Scheme and highlighting the benefits for residents and the environment.

Moved: Linda Eisler

#### *Rationale*

*The concept behind Container Deposit Schemes (“CDS”) is that the consumer pays a deposit on certain beverage containers that is refunded when the container is returned a collection deposit site.*

*Container Deposit Schemes have been adopted by a range of jurisdictions across Canada, Europe and the United States and shown to deliver a range of benefits. Modelling undertaken by the Boomerang Alliance on the implementation of a CDS in Australia has found CDS to:*

- *Reduce the volume of litter in our parks, beaches and roadsides by 12-15%;*
- *Significantly reduce the number of turtles, lizards, seals and birds killed by litter across Australia;*
- *Achieve a 6% diversion of all Municipal Solid Waste (“MSW”) waste away from landfill;*
- *Reduce Australia’s greenhouse gas emissions by over 1.3 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e per year (equivalent to 197,000 homes switching to 100% renewable energy);*
- *Save enough water to permanently supply over 24,000 Australian homes;*
- *Deliver the same level of Australian air quality improvements as taking 140,000 cars off the road;*
- *Provide 250,000+ Australian homes with access to recycling services for the first time;*
- *Save rate payers over \$59.8 million per annum; and*
- *Increase Australia’s recycling by over 630,000 tonnes p.a.*

*An independent study of container deposits by Dr. Stuart White in 2001 states that;*

*“Local Government would realise financial benefits from the introduction of CDS through reduced costs of kerbside collection and through the value of unredeemed deposits in the material collected at kerbside”*

*Furthermore, the report concludes that;*

*“[w]hile the system (CDS) would cost between \$30 and \$50 million a year to put in place, the net benefit would be in the order of \$70 to \$100 million annually.”*

*Currently ratepayers’ contribute a disproportionate amount to kerbside recycling costs while the packaging industry’s contribution is minimal. CDS addresses this imbalance by capturing away from home beverage consumption and could save the average family \$30 a year without undermining the economic viability of kerbside recycling.*

*It is for these reasons I commend this motion to Council and urge that Council adopt this motion. For further information visit <http://www.bringitback.org.au/boomeranq/node/21>*

*Supporting Speech:*

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 CO<sub>2</sub> (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’.

**PASSED**