

## **Deposit on containers**

A PUSH to support the adoption of a Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) in NSW will be put to tomorrow's Canterbury Council meeting.

Greens Councillor Linda Eisler will suggest Council support the Greens in their campaign to set up a CDS, which adds a percentage to the price of a drink and is refunded when the container is deposited.

"Such as the one in South Australia," Ms Eisler said, where 5c is refunded for every container returned.

The total recovery rate of recyclables in South Australia is 80 per cent, compared to less than 40 per cent in other states, and this is particularly concerning as Australians use five billion drink containers every year, with much of it ending up in landfill or as litter on the streets.

"I'm pretty sure it will be accepted [in Council], it doesn't cost us anything," Ms Eisler said.

A temporary CDS was set up in Newtown earlier this year where 10c was refunded for every bottle collected, and in two hours more than 2300 bottles were returned.

"It's certainly better than seeing it in the river," Ms Eisler said.

"It's like seeing the Spanish Armada."

If accepted, Canterbury Council will write to the Premier and Minister for Environment and Climate Change outlining benefits of the scheme and their support for it.

"[We need to] put pressure on the State Government to accept [the CDS]," Ms Eisler said.

"It has to be a state initiative. Anything we do for the environment is good."