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You can reduce waste and promote efficient recycling of high quality products by implementing a bottle deposit scheme. These are already implemented in SA and NSW and many countries around the world and are proven to increase recycling of plastics and metals (Aluminium cans for example). People want to do the right thing, they want to recycle where they are given the chance or incentive. However, not having a bottle deposit schemes reduces the incentive and leads to people throwing out perfectly valuable materials into regular garbage bins which end up in landfill. Plastics and metals are a finite resource where future generations will pay higher prices for the lack of these materials, not to mention the pollution plastics bring to the environment. Having a bottle deposit scheme will give:

- a) people an incentive to recycle perfectly good and re-usable materials (which will close the loop) and be rewarded for it;
- b) reduce waste and landfill space;
- c) promote a recycling program/industry in Australia whereby manufacturers using plastics/metals for their products will be able to use recycled material in their processes. Customers are more likely to buy a company's products if they label their materials is sourced from recycled materials.

The cost of not implementing this scheme or something similar far outweighs the deposit scheme cost.

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