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Mrs Oly Carlson MLA
Chair of the Legislative Scrutiny Committee
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Dear Madam Chair

Legislative Scrutiny Committee Report – Bill to expand the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS)

Please see attached correspondence received from the Hon Joshua Burgoyne MLA, Minister for Lands, Planning and Environment responding to the Legislative Scrutiny Committee's report regarding its inquiry into the Bill to expand the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) and other CDS matters.

Pursuant to Standing Order 201(3), the response is deemed to have been tabled and will be reported to the Assembly at its next meeting.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Russell Keith'.

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Dear Mr Keith

Thank you for your letter of 10 October 2025 attaching the Legislative Scrutiny Committee's report regarding its inquiry into the Bill to expand the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) and other CDS matters. I appreciate the Committee's work in considering the amendments and submissions and making its recommendations.

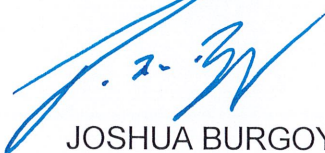
With respect to the Committee's Recommendation 2, that the next statutory review of the operation of the CDS incorporate consideration of the impact of increasing the container refund amount, I accept this recommendation.

Engagement between governments is occurring on increasing the amount of the refund to 20 cents. Given the benefits of nationally consistent rules and processes regarding containers, and impacts on the packaging and beverage industries, it may be preferable for the refund amount to remain the same across Australia. I intend raising a possible increase in the refund amount with other Environment Ministers at our next meeting.

If, before the next statutory review under the CDS legislation, there is agreement between Environment Ministers to assess the merits and impacts of changing the refund amount, then this may influence the approach to be taken in the next statutory review. The ongoing performance of the CDS against established recycling targets, and the extent of any regression in return rates, will inform the case for increasing the refund amount.

I trust that this response satisfies the requirements for the Northern Territory Government to advise on its proposed action.

Yours sincerely



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11-11-2025

