

DPIPWE CRS Activities

June 2019 to January 2020

The following is an outline of the activities undertaken by DPIPWE to deliver the June 2019 Government announcement that a container refund scheme (CRS) would be introduced in Tasmania in 2022.

Waste Initiatives Section and staffing

- To address both the CRS initiative and provide a focus for the broader strategic waste management activities being considered by Government, DPIPWE established a Waste Initiatives Section within its division of EPA Tasmania.
- A policy manager was internally seconded into the role of Program Manager (Waste Initiatives) to lead the section.
- Recruitment was undertaken to provide a senior officer to lead work on establishing a framework for CRS in Tasmania, and provide advice on funding requirements to deliver the initiative.
- The position was advertised externally (www.jobs.tas.gov.au) and a senior officer commenced on 12 September 2019.

CRS Project Management

- Project Planning for the CRS continues according to Departmental processes.
- Legislation development is anticipated to be completed by mid-2021 to provide for scheme commencement in 2022. The legislation development process will include a consultation phase, allowing parties who provided comment on the CRS during the consultation for the Draft Waste Action Plan, and others, to have input.

CRS Communication Planning

- Work continues internally to identify key stakeholders. Initially identified stakeholders include those listed below.
- The Department has been working with the Minister's Office to consider the composition of an expert reference group to advise on the issues relating to establishing a CRS in Tasmania.
- Information about this and other such activities of the CRS program will be provided through the DPIPWE website (<https://dipwe.tas.gov.au/environmental-management/container-refund-scheme>) and through the CRS registered stakeholder network that is being compiled.
- The CRS Enquiries email is monitored by Divisional officers, and each email is responded to as appropriate.

National Coordination

- Ensuring Tasmania's CRS is consistent with mainland schemes is a key principle of the Department's CRS work.
- Officials have been involved in a national working group on CRS formed under the auspices of the Heads of EPAs (HEPA) to ensure there is a forum for collaborating on cross-border CRS implementation issues, and to continually seek ways of harmonising features of each State and Territory scheme as far as is possible.

Tasmania's Waste Action Plan

- In June 2019, the Government released for public consultation a draft Waste Action Plan (WAP). Consultation closed in October 2019.
- The draft WAP included further information on the establishment of a container refund scheme for Tasmania (see <https://dipwe.tas.gov.au/environmental-management/waste-action-plan>).
- Submissions on the WAP are being considered by the Department, and in accordance with the Government's [policy on public consultation](#) processes, those submissions, together with a summary of issues raised, are expected to be released on the Department's website in the first part of 2020.

Key stakeholders

Internal Stakeholders (Government)

- Premier
- Minister for Environment and Parks
- Waste IDC and IAWG from Departments Premier & Cabinet, Finance & Treasury, State Growth, Justice
- Senior Managers in EPA Tasmania and DPIPW

External Stakeholders

Local Government

- Local Government Association of Tasmania and councils
- Regional waste authorities
 - o Cradle Coast Waste Services
 - o Waste Strategy South
 - o Northern Tasmanian Waste Management

Industry – resource recovery

- Australian Council of Recycling
- Waste Management and Resource Recovery Association Australia
- Waste management businesses – transporters and MRF operators including Recycal, Veolia, JJ Richards, Cleanaway, Tomra

Industry – retail, beverage

- Australia Beverages Council
- Australian Food and Grocery Council
- National Retail Association
- Masters Grocers Association Independent Retailers (rep IGA)
- Australian Retailers Association
- Tasmanian Hospitality Association / Aust Liquor Stores Assoc
- Small Business Council Tasmania
- Carlton United Breweries (already direct contact Minister)
- Lion Co (already direct contact Minister)
- Woolworths
- Coles

Community, Environment and Public

- Boomerang Alliance
- National Association Charitable Recycling Organisations (NACRO)
- Community groups (incl Scouts & Guides)
- Sporting groups