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Dear Virginia

WARRRL 'CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME' - RESPONSE TO KARRATHA WASTE MANAGEMENT AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Western Australian Return Recycle Renew Limited (**WARRRL**) is a not-for-profit organisation established to implement and operate the Container Deposit Scheme (**CDS**). The CDS commenced on 1 October 2020, with six objectives: to increase recycling rates, reduce litter, enact producer responsibility, provide employment opportunities, promote the involvement of social enterprise and complement existing recycling activities.

WARRRL's mission is to:

- Empower communities with the knowledge and motivation to easily recycle.
- Provide a refund point network that is safe, stable, efficient, widely accessible, and financially sustainable.
- Build a culture which recognises and celebrates the positive impact of 'Containers for Change'.

WARRRL is aware that Karratha is in the process of finalising its Waste Management and Resource Recovery strategy. As the WA Scheme has refund points operated by local businesses in Karratha and the surrounding areas, we felt obliged to provide comments on the importance of incorporating Containers for Change into your Waste Management and Resource Recovery strategy.

We believe that Local Governments can play a significant role in raising awareness and encouraging the inclusion of container separation infrastructure within public spaces, at community events, and within public buildings. These initiatives present an important opportunity for Local Governments to lead by example in promoting sustainable waste management practices and contributing to broader environmental objectives.

We urge the City of Karratha to include Containers for Change specific objectives into its Waste Strategy, to reflect a resource recovery focus for containers specifically. In goal one - Waste

Infrastructure and Operation, other materials such as tyres, green waste and concrete have actions associated with the material. We would like to see containers also considered, with actionable items in this list.

Containers for Change provide a clean and consistent recycling stream that will help the City reach its objectives for this material type. However, more recycling options are needed in the areas suggested above. 400 million containers are missing in WA from locations outside the home every year and with the help of Local Government, we believe we could shrink this number considerably.

WARRRL also notes that the City of Karratha is interested in exploring to extend container refund services to Roebourne and surrounding communities (long term). WARRRL is open to investigating how this may be actioned within the network. WARRRL also has experience with implementing behaviour change strategies and working with remote First Nations communities to encourage recycling and is open to sharing this knowledge directly or via a position on the alliance discussed in the plan.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the above initiatives further with you and to explore how we can work together to achieve these important environmental outcomes.

Yours sincerely



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