



Notice

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Effect of the container deposit scheme on beverage prices

Data about beverage prices in regional and remote Western Australia

The Western Australian Treasurer, the Hon Ben Wyatt MLA, has asked the Economic Regulation Authority to monitor and report on the prices of beverages affected by the proposed container deposit scheme, which is due to begin operation in June 2020.

The container deposit scheme will allow consumers to take empty beverage containers to a refund point to receive a refund of 10 cents. The scheme is being implemented by the [Department of Water and Environmental Regulation](#).

The purpose of the ERA's monitoring is to understand the broad effect of the scheme on the cost of bottled beverages. Therefore, the ERA must gather data about prices both before the scheme is introduced, and after.

The ERA has appointed the Goomalling Community Resource Centre to coordinate collection of data in regional and remote Western Australia. Its contracted personnel will shortly commence collecting data from retailers.

The ERA will commence collecting data in metropolitan areas in due course.

The ERA will only publish the high-level findings of the data. The ERA will not publish or share individual prices with anyone outside our organisation, or the names of retailers that provide data. The data will be confidential and only used for the purpose of the ERA's price monitoring report.

More information about the ERA's role is provided on [our website](#).

Further information

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