



# Notice

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## Effects of the container deposit scheme on beverages in Western Australia

### Publication of draft report

The Economic Regulation Authority has published its [draft report](#) on the effects of the container deposit scheme on beverages in Western Australia.

The ERA has found that, overall, beverage prices in Western Australia have not increased by more than the cost of operating the scheme.

Overall, container prices have increased by an average of 10.5 cents for non-alcoholic beverages in the metropolitan area, and 7.6 cents for alcoholic beverages. Results in regional areas were broadly similar.

Containers for Change, Western Australia's container deposit scheme, commenced on 1 October 2020. The State Government introduced the scheme to increase the rate of recycling and reduce littering in Western Australia.

In May 2019, the Treasurer asked the Economic Regulation Authority to monitor beverage prices in Western Australia, to see whether prices increased by more than the amount suppliers are charged by the scheme coordinator. The ERA is to report on the effect on beverage prices over the first six months of the scheme – in this draft report – and on the first 12 months of the scheme.

### Invitation for submissions

The ERA invites comments on the effect on beverage prices of the introduction of the Containers for Change scheme and any other relevant issues or concerns not already raised in this paper. Submissions are due by 23 August 2021. Submissions should be lodged online using the form on our website [www.erawa.com.au/consultation](http://www.erawa.com.au/consultation).

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