



**Hon Ben Wyatt MLA
Treasurer; Minister for Finance; Aboriginal Affairs; Lands**

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Dear Ms Cusworth

**REPORT ON THE EFFECTS OF THE CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME ON
BEVERAGE PRICES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA – FINAL TERMS OF
REFERENCE**

Please find enclosed a copy of the final terms of reference for the Report on the Effects of the Container Deposit Scheme on Beverage Prices in Western Australia. I look forward to receiving your report in due course.

Yours sincerely



Ben Wyatt MLA
TREASURER

Att.
28 MAY 2019

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BEVERAGE PRICES IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

I, BEN WYATT, Treasurer, pursuant to section 38 (1)(b) of the *Economic Regulation Authority Act 2003*, request that the Economic Regulation Authority (ERA) monitor prices of beverages in containers affected by the Container Deposit Scheme (the Scheme) in accordance with these terms of reference.


The ERA is to monitor prices across Western Australia before commencement of the Scheme and for the following year (the monitoring period). In conducting price monitoring, the ERA should consider:

1. changes in the prices of beverages during the monitoring period and, in particular, whether the prices of beverages increase by more than the amount suppliers are charged by the Scheme Coordinator; and
2. information provided by Scheme participants, retailers, and consumers through consultation.

The ERA is to report to the Treasurer on:

1. the effect of the Scheme on prices of beverages during the monitoring period;
2. the method applied by the ERA to assess the effect of the Scheme on prices of beverages during the monitoring period; and
3. recommendations to address any adverse effects on prices arising from the Scheme and on the need to continue price monitoring.

The ERA will release a draft report about the above matters based on analysis of the first six months of operation of the Scheme, for public consultation. The ERA will provide a final report, including recommendations, no later than six months after the monitoring period has concluded.



Ben Wyatt MLA
TREASURER