

MEDIA STATEMENT – Scheme expansion announcement

Please immediately contact your Regional Manager or Media Advisor, Lucinda Kent - media@containerexchange.com.au if you are contacted by your local MP or media.

Since Containers for Change Queensland launched in November 2018, more than 6.3 billion drink containers have been returned for a refund. More than \$630 million has been refunded to Queenslanders with over 815 full time equivalent jobs created.

Following the positive results from the Queensland's Government consultation process, soon there will be even more types of containers eligible for a refund.

From 1 November 2023, the Queensland container refund scheme will be expanded to include glass wine and pure spirit bottles.

From this date all glass wine and pure spirit bottles will be eligible for a 10-cent refund when returned to a refund point in Queensland.

More than 6500 Queenslanders participated in the consultation process, with the overwhelming majority supporting the expansion.

There are currently more than 26,000 types of containers eligible for a 10-cent refund. Most beverage containers made from glass, plastic, aluminium, and liquid paper board between 150ml and 3 litres are eligible.

Glass wine and pure spirit bottles will not be accepted at refund points before 1 November 2023.

These glass bottles can still be placed in the yellow-top bin, where this service is provided. Where a kerbside service isn't provided, residents should check with their nearest transfer station.

To find out which containers are currently eligible, and where to return, please visit our website.

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