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LOCAL JOBS TO FOLLOW AS VICTORIA SET TO DELIVER CASH FOR CANS

Victoria's new container deposit scheme (CDS) that's set to start in 2023 is designed to maximise the return of used drink cans, bottles and cartons for recycling, and reduce Victoria's litter by up to half.

Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio announced the final design of the scheme, which was supported by 85 per cent of participants during public consultations.

On top of this, Visy has announced it will invest \$35 million to upgrade its glass manufacturing facility in Laverton, creating 92 jobs during construction and 6 ongoing manufacturing jobs. This will double the amount of glass Visy can process to 200,000 tonnes per year.

This project, along with recently announced partly government funded Cleanaway glass beneficiation project, will triple the current Victorian glass beneficiation capacity to approx. 300,000 tonnes per year.

Visy has confirmed it is making this significant investment due to the Victorian Government's commitment to an open and transparent container deposit scheme (CDS).

Currently the facility can only recycle glass that is 10mm or larger into new containers. In the upgraded facility, glass pieces as small as 3mm will be able to be turned into new containers. Smaller pieces of glass will still be used in the production of road base and/or asphalt.

The CDS means Victorians across the state will be able to return cans, bottles and cartons at various locations including shopping centres, drive through collection depots, mobile drop off points for events and community festivals.

The government will continue to work closely with the beverage and recycling industries and the community and charity sector as the legislation is developed to make sure that everyone can participate fairly and benefit from the scheme.

Quotes attributable to Member for Altona District Jill Hennessy

"Victorians are great recyclers and want the most accessible, best performing CDS for our state. That's why we've designed it to be easy for all Victorians across the state to access".

"Not only will the scheme encourage greater recovery and reuse of materials that often end up as waste, we're already seeing local manufacturing seizing this opportunity, meaning more local jobs and greater recycling capacity in Laverton."