

## 1 HOW THE SCHEME SHOULD BE MANAGED



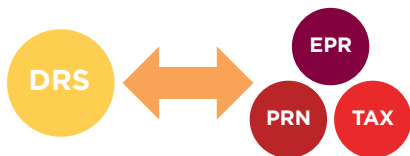
### How should the scheme be introduced?

- Principles of the deposit return scheme, such as return point exemptions and handling fees, should be defined in legislation and informed by objective evidence.



### What's the role of the Deposit Management Organisation?

- Must be industry led and include representatives from businesses which operate return points.
- Cover the costs of purchasing, installing, maintaining reverse vending machines, and backhauling of material through the supply chain.



### How should DRS work with other schemes?

- Must be coherent alongside other extended producer responsibility schemes, including reforms to the PRN system and introduction of the plastic packaging tax.

## 2 GETTING RETURN POINTS RIGHT



### Where should return points be located?

- Return points should be determined by **strategically mapping** locations rather than mandating every location that sells drinks to take back containers.
- Outlets smaller than 280 sqm should be exempt from the scheme as they have limited sales and storage space to facilitate a deposit return scheme.
- Small outlets should be allowed to apply to the Deposit Management Organisation to opt-in if they do want to participate in the scheme or participate in a community run Reverse Vending Machine.



### Which materials should be in scope?

- PET bottles should be in scope, alongside metal drinks cans.
- Glass presents logistical challenges for return points as well as health and safety issues for staff.

## 3 RETAIL ISSUES



### Manual returns or reverse vending?

- Drinks containers should only be returned through a network of reverse vending machines.
- No retailer should be forced to ask staff to manually take back packaging. It is not workable for small shops due to the limited space in store, the pressures and risks this would place on staff, and the hygiene issues it presents.



### What should handling fees cover?

- Handling fees must adequately cover the costs of taking back drinks containers, accounting for staff time, the cost of reverse vending machines and lost sales space, so that a DRS is cost neutral for return points.