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Steve Fielding **Family First** Senator for Victoria

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## **AMCOR TELLS SOUTH AUSTRALIA TO SCRAP CONTAINER DEPOSIT RECYCLING SCHEME**

Recycling giant AMCOR says South Australia would be better off scrapping its drink container recycling scheme.

“It’s absurd that the so-called king of recycling wants South Australia to kill its container deposit recycling scheme when it works extremely well,” Family First leader Steve Fielding said today.

“AMCOR wants to replace South Australia’s scheme, which recycles around twice the number of containers compared to other states, with the industry-run scheme under National Packaging Covenant.

“For the last 8 years the industry scheme has not even come close to what South Australia has achieved through its container deposit scheme.”

Today, AMCOR used a Senate inquiry into Family First’s plan for a national drink container recycling scheme to call on South Australia to scrap its container deposit scheme, which has been successfully running for more than 30 years.

“South Australia is leading the way with container recycling at up to 80% while other states are at an appalling recycling rate of 38%,” Senator Fielding said.

“The Government of South Australia, in its submission to the inquiry, reveals the following environmental savings would flow as a result of setting up a national container recycling scheme:

- Reduced emissions of greenhouse gases of up to 540,000 tonnes;
- Reduced water use by up to 24.4 gigalitres;
- Reduced energy use of up to 8.4 petajoules.”

The Senate inquiry into Family First's plan is meeting today in Melbourne and will meet in Sydney on Thursday and Canberra on Friday.

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