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## **Cooks River Councils and Community Groups Call for a national Container Deposit System**

The [Cooks River Alliance](#), the [Cooks River Valley Association](#) and the [Wolli Creek Preservation Society](#) call on the NSW and Australian Governments to support a national Container Deposit System (CDS).

The three groups are leading work to clean and restore the Cooks River and Wolli Creek catchments, in some of the most densely populated suburbs in Australia. The Cooks River Alliance, comprising 8 councils and the foremost local waterway community groups, strongly support a National CDS, such as the one proposed by the [Boomerang Alliance](#). This is undoubtedly the best way to stop container litter entering waterways. Putting a 10 cent bounty on beverage containers is an effective market based solution to the scourge of container rubbish.

"Cooks River Councils have been flooded with public complaints about bottles floating in the River, and a National CDS is the simple and effective answer to the problem" said Cooks River Alliance Chair, Councillor Brian Robson.

"Community groups, including our very hard working Mudcrabs, are pushed to capacity removing plastic bottles and other beverage containers from our Cooks River foreshores. A National CDS will collect and recycle drink containers before they get to our River." said Cooks River Valley Association President John Butcher.

"No other approach has any chance of dealing with the containers currently dropped by those who don't care enough about our environment to seek out already available recycling points. With a CDS, it will become worthwhile for others to cash in on the money those people will be dropping along with their containers." Peter Stevens Treasurer of the WCPS, chimed in.

With a decision on a National CDS now imminent, Cooks River Councils and local community groups are joining together to call on State and Federal Governments, responsible for our waterways, to do the right thing for the Cooks River.

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Rockdale City Council and Strathfield Municipal Council