

NSW CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME



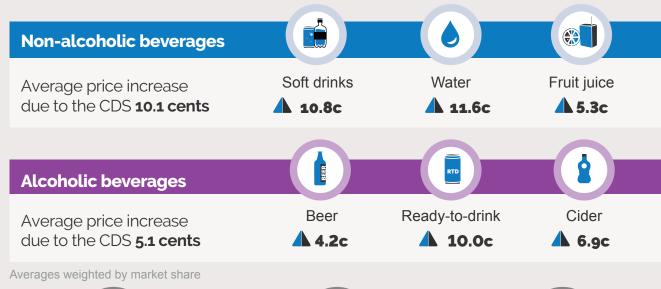
Monitoring the **impacts on container beverage prices** and **competition**

Our findings and recommendations based on the scheme's first year



IMPACTS ON CONTAINER BEVERAGE PRICES

Price increases due to the CDS reflect a workably competitive market





We found direct costs were 9.3 cents and other **costs** of up to 2.3 cents were **reasonable**



Monthly scheme costs have been **volatile** due to billing in advance and true ups



We recommend that Exchange for Change simplify invoices and bill in arrears



IMPACTS ON COMPETITION

No specific evidence of a material reduction in competition in the beverage market



NSW Government is providing transitional assistance for retailers on NSW-Victorian border \$13.70 approval fee

Container approval fee should reduce from \$80 to \$13.70 per container



To ensure competitiveness is maintained we recommend:

Recognise containers registered in other states and harmonise administration with other schemes

No need for ongoing monitoring of container beverage prices