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## WHAT

IPART is seeking comments on its proposed approach to a review of the NSW Container Deposit Scheme, Return and Earn, outlined in the Issues Paper.

Commencing on 1 November 2017, Return and Earn provides consumers who return empty eligible beverage containers to designated collection points a 10-cent refund per container.



## WHY

The NSW Government has asked IPART to monitor and report on the impacts of the scheme on prices, markets and competition over the first year of its operation.



## WHO

During our review we will engage with a range of stakeholders including:

- ▼ consumers of container beverages,
- ▼ manufacturers, wholesalers and retailers of container beverages,
- ▼ the NSW Small Business Commissioner
- ▼ NSW Fair Trading, to share information on consumer issues,
- ▼ the Scheme Coordinator (Exchange for Change) and Network Operator (Tomra-Cleanaway), and
- ▼ Environment Protection Authority NSW, the scheme's regulator.



## HOW

The Issues Paper sets out how we propose to approach the review, which includes:

- ▼ Examining average price changes from the start of the CDS
- ▼ Assessing competition indicators including barriers to entry, market shares, and supplier and consumer behaviour.

Attached over the page is an overview of our proposed monitoring framework.



## WHEN

We have been asked to provide a Final Report to the Premier and Minister in December 2018. We will also release a Progress Report in April 2018.



## WHAT NEXT

We're seeking public comments on our Issues Paper, which sets out how we propose to approach the review. Submissions close on **13 March 2018**.

Our Issues Paper, and information about how to make a submission, is provided on our website, [www.ipart.nsw.gov.au](http://www.ipart.nsw.gov.au).

If you have a specific concern in relation to prices, the performance and conduct of suppliers, or any other market impacts from the introduction of the NSW Container Deposit Scheme, our website provides an online form for stakeholders to provide comments to IPART.

