

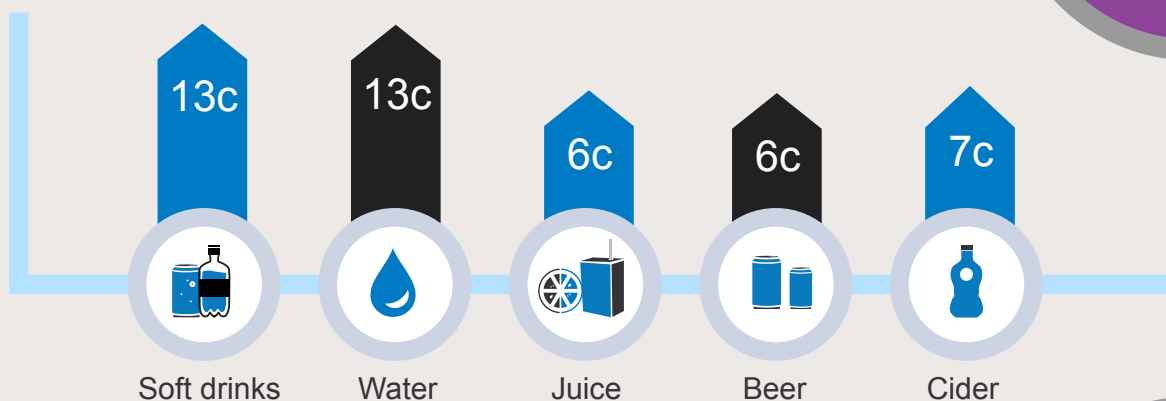
## Monitoring the impacts on container beverages prices and competition

Our preliminary findings and recommendations based on first three months of the scheme (December 2017 to February 2018)

**Increases** in container beverage prices **are in line with or less than** the estimated direct **costs of the scheme**

### IMPACTS ON CONTAINER BEVERAGE PRICES

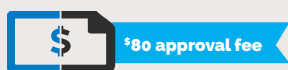
We found that prices in February 2018 were around **6 cents to 13 cents** higher due to the CDS



### IMPACTS ON COMPETITION

We are seeking comment whether the following impact on competition:

It is **too early to tell the impact** on competition but issues may be emerging for some businesses



**First suppliers** are required to pay an **\$80 approval fee** for each class of eligible container (up to a cap of \$3,200 in 2017-18) which may impact on product innovation.



First suppliers are given only **seven days** to pay their monthly invoice from Exchange for Change for their share of the direct costs of the scheme.



**Retailers** located **close to NSW's border** may face a competitive disadvantage due to the CDS if the bordering state does not have a similar scheme – as is the case in the **Albury Wodonga area**.



**HAVE YOUR SAY**

**We are seeking submissions on this Progress Report**



**SUBMISSIONS ARE DUE BY 8 JUNE 2018**

