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Submission: I normally dispose of my bottles in the household kerbside recycling, but now with the implementation of the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS), I am now expected to go to a collection point.

In my case, the bottles would have ended up being recycled prior to the implementation of the CDS, however, there are now a number of additional costs. Not only to the consumer, but also to the environment and society, as outlined below:

- Cost to the environment: Whereas previously cans were placed in kerbside recycling, now a separate trip to a collection point is required. Kerbside recycling pick-up frequencies are unlikely to reduce as a result of the CDS, so additional vehicle emissions will be introduced by requiring extra trips to dispose of cans.
- Cost to society: The new vehicle trips generated as part of the CDS will add to traffic congestion.
- Additional cost to society: There is also a positive correlation between vehicle kilometres travelled (VKT) and road fatalities. The increased trips as a result of the CDS can potentially lead to more road fatalities.
- Cost to the consumer: Many drinks have increased by more than 10c owing to the administration costs involved with the scheme. As such, the end result for consumers is higher prices - even if the consumer has a 100% CDS return rate.
- Additional cost to the consumer: In addition to the cost of the CDS itself, consumers will also have to pay petrol costs to drive to the collection point. In rural areas, this could be a significant distance (potentially more than 100 km for a return journey). This is a significant cost and negates any financial compensation for the return of the containers.

Not only does the CDS cost the consumer more (petrol, time, increased drink prices), it has also negative effects for society (increased trip generation resulting in more congestion and higher road fatalities), as well as the environment (increased pollution), which runs contrary to whole purpose of implementing the CDS.