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### South Australia looks to lead the country again on recycling

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Reloop and the Australian Council of Recycling (ACOR) today submitted to South Australia's scoping study of options to better manage single use plastics (SUP) and reform the states Container Deposit Scheme (CDS).

The submission includes recommendations that SA utilises the European Union's recent directive on SUPs which include:

- Bans on certain products such as plastic straws and polystyrene food containers to be replaced by compostable alternatives
- New collection schemes for various SUP products
- Better packaging design to allow for recycling including recycled content mandates
- Collection targets
- Education and other measures to encourage a lowering in consumption of SUPs

In terms of the CDS reform agenda the submission suggests;

- Governance reform to allow for greater recycler access and increased consumer convenience
- Establishing incentives and policy settings, such as mandates for eligible container targets for recycled content and not just recyclability
- Including wine bottles in the scheme
- Allowing for additional increases in the deposit level
- Exclusion of certain materials such as PVC that contaminate plastic streams
- Encouraging the use of refillable containers

'There's no doubt SA's retention of its CDS despite relentless beverage industry opposition has catalysed other states into action and we now see SA's innovation spreading nationally, said Rob Kelman, Director Reloop Pacific and Coordinator ACOR CDS Division

'We look forward to supporting SA again lead the charge in the next phase of helping build Australia's recycling industry and Minister Speirs is to be congratulated for leading this process, said Kelman

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