



### 3. DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

### 4. PETITIONS AND JOINT LETTERS

#### **Item 4.1 Cash for Containers**

A Petition containing 51 signatures, was received from residents and visitors to Port Phillip.

The Petition states the following:-

*We, the undersigned, residents and visitors to Port Phillip, support Cash for Containers, the introduction of a 10 cent refundable deposit on bottles and cans to clean up litter and increase recycling in Victoria. We ask that Port Phillip Council make a unanimous and official declaration of support for a Container Deposit Scheme in Victoria.*

*Supported by almost 80% of Victorians (Newspoll), Cash for Containers has real and lasting benefits. 85% of Australians want it now! South Australia has been doing it successfully for almost 40 years. The Northern Territory kicked it off in 2012, significantly increasing their recycling rate. NSW & ACT started theirs this year, with QLD and WA to follow later on in 2018.*

*We support a modern, efficient, convenient and low-cost Cash for Containers scheme. The social and economic benefits include more jobs in resource recovery and a new source of income for charities. The environmental benefits are enormous, with less plastic and other pollution in our bays, our waterways, and natural places.*

*Litter studies by Sustainability Victoria show an increasing problem with drink containers and many of our waterways experience serious container litter. Port Phillip Council is already being adversely affected by plastic pollution in its waterway, seashore, and being ingested by wildlife.*

*We call on you to support the introduction of a 10 cent refundable deposit on bottles and cans in Victoria – to reduce the litter and increase the recycling of beverage containers.*

#### **OFFICER RECOMMENDATION**

That Council:

Receives and notes the Petition and provides a response at a future Council Meeting.

**TRIM FILE NO:** F18/1  
**ATTACHMENTS** Nil