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### **Money to be made with Recycling**

A return to the old days of collecting bottles and cans to make money for charities and scouts is on the cards to return to Queensland. The community will have the opportunity to comment on a discussion paper about this proposition after its launch on the Gold Coast on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September at Kurrawa Park.

Prior to the launch Gecko-Gold Coast and Hinterland Environment Council's (Gecko) is proud to be part of the "Broadbeach Spring Clean" Community beach clean-up Event on that Saturday at Kurrawa Surf Life Saving Club, Broadbeach beginning at 12.30pm .

President of Gecko, Lynda Hull urged everyone to come along and be part of the "Broadbeach Spring Clean" and show their support for this new initiative to reduce litter on our beaches and waterways. The beach clean-up, which happens to be on the first weekend in Spring, and is being generously sponsored by Barefoot Wines and organised by Surfrider Foundation, with contributions from many other organisations who strongly support the need for this recycling scheme.

Toby Hutcheon, of Boomerang Alliance Queensland will then be presenting the discussion paper for public consultation and sharing the successes of these schemes in other locations and the benefits for both community and environment.

This organisational and community support will be well documented on the day with a licensed drone pilot videographer, as participants gather on the sand at Broadbeach to make the shape of a giant '10c' image with people and banners.

Lynda Hull, President at Gecko said "I was horrified to learn Queensland is the most littered State in Australia, but that is why we must introduce the 10c refund scheme and look at banning the use of plastic bags and disposable plastic and Styrofoam containers completely"

Lynda added "There are already so many great examples of how the 10c refund scheme keeps litter off the street and so many better alternatives now to plastic bags and disposable containers".

The impact and benefits of a 10c Recycling Refund Scheme are sure to be a great win for socioeconomic and environment enhancement and protection in Queensland. Gecko looks forward to this exciting launch event on September 5<sup>th</sup> and showing strong support for this much needed recycling scheme.

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