



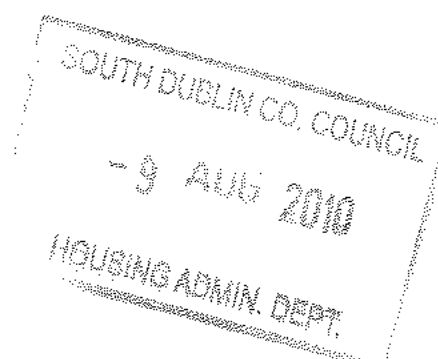
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 August, 2010.

Ms. Allyson Rooney,
Senior Staff Officer,
South Dublin County Council,
Housing Administration,
County Hall,
Town Centre,
Tallaght, Dublin 24.



RE: REP3842/JG/10

Dear Ms. Rooney,

I have been asked by Mr. John Gormley T.D., Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to respond to your letter in connection with your proposal for a pilot project for a refundable deposit on alcoholic beverage containers within the Tallaght area.

The Programme for Government agreed in 2007 included a number of objectives relating to waste management among them a commitment to carry out an international review of waste management plans, practices and procedures.

Eunomia Research and Consulting Limited (and partners) were selected to undertake the International Review of Waste Management Policy and the final report was delivered in November 2009. A copy of the International Review of Waste Management Policy is available on the Department's website at following link www.environ.ie/en/Environment/Waste/ReviewofWasteManagementPolicy.

The Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has prepared a new draft Statement of Waste Policy arising from the recommendations of the report. The statement is designed to set a policy context which will ensure that waste management services are delivered by the public and private sectors in an environmentally progressive and cost efficient manner. In advance of finalising the Statement of Waste Policy by Government, comments are invited from relevant stakeholders and any other interested parties.

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A copy of the draft Statement of Waste Policy is available to view on the Department website www.environ.ie/en/Environment/Waste/PublicConsultation/. Paragraph 6.10.4 of the draft Statement of Waste Policy refers to a Deposit and Refund Study.

If South Dublin County Council would like to submit a submission for this public consultation, you can contact Ms. Evelyn Downes, Waste Policy Section, Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government, Custom House, Dublin 1, or by email to wasteconsultation@environ.ie.

Please note that all submissions and comments submitted to the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government for this purpose are subject to release under the Freedom of Information Acts 1997 and 2003.

The closing date for receipt of submissions and comments is close of business on 1 October 2010.

I hope the above information has been of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,


pp **Eddie Kiernan,**
Private Secretary