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Beverage products and containers proposed for the expanded container deposit scheme from 1 July 2026

The information below is an indication of containers to be included in the container deposit scheme expansion. Information is subject to change until the necessary amendments to the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (Container Deposit Scheme) Regulations 2019* have been gazetted.

TABLE 1 – PROPOSED ELIGIBLE CONTAINERS	
Beverage	Container size
Non-alcoholic	Included (exclusions apply – see Table 2)
Pure fruit or vegetable juice (or a mixture of pure fruit and vegetable juices)	150ml to 3L
Flavoured milk: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cow’s or other animal milk • soy or other plant-based milk • low fat milk • ultra heat-treated (UHT) milk, etc 	150ml to 3L
Fermented milk product (for example drinking yoghurt including Kefir and Filmjölk)	150ml to 3L
Soft drinks, carbonated	150ml to 3L
Soft drinks, non-carbonated: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • energy drinks • fruit drinks • cordials • sports drinks • vitamin drinks 	150ml to 3L
Water, intended for human consumption: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • plain • still or carbonated spring water • mineral water • flavoured 	150ml to 3L
Alcoholic	Included (exclusions apply – see Table 2)
Alcoholic beverages (non-grape) derived from fruit or other substances such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cider • alcoholic lemonade • plum wine • sake etc 	150ml to 3L
Beer/ale/stout	150ml to 3L
Pure spirituous liquor or distilled alcoholic beverage (or mixture of both) such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • brandy • gin • rum • vodka • whisky And not mixed with any other beverage other than liquor	150ml to 3L
Wine, alcoholic and non-alcoholic – beverage produced by the fermentation of grapes and not mixed with any other beverage other than grape product	150ml to 3L

<p>Spirit-based, flavoured alcoholic beverage – any beverage that contains spirituous liquor plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • alcopops • ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs) • spirit-based beverages sold in casks 	150ml to 3L
<p>Wine-based, flavoured alcoholic beverage – any beverage that contains wine plus additional beverages, ingredients or flavours such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • fruit fruit-flavoured wine • wine coolers • ready-to-drink alcoholic beverages (RTDs) 	150ml to 3L <i>Including those in aseptic packs/casks (cardboard, plastic or foil)</i>

TABLE 2 – PROPOSED EXCLUDED CONTAINERS

Most aluminium, glass, PET, HDPE, steel and paperboard drink containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible but the following are proposed to not be eligible

Beverage	Container type
Any beverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all containers less than 150 ml • all containers more than 3 L • Any container consisting wholly or partly of a prohibited material – see Table 3
Health tonics registered with the Australian Register of Therapeutic Goods maintained under the Therapeutic Goods Act 1989 (Commonwealth) section 9A.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all containers
<p>Milk – plain unflavoured:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cow's or other animal milk, other than a fermented milk product • soy or other plant-based milk • low fat milk • ultra heat-treated (UHT) milk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all containers

TABLE 3 – PROPOSED PROHIBITED MATERIALS

Any container that is wholly or partially made of one or more of the following prohibited materials is proposed to not be an eligible container:

Biodegradable plastic	Means plastic that can be broken down by microorganisms into carbon dioxide, water, biomass and a mineral residue and does not contain an additive designed to accelerate fragmentation of the plastic.
Degradable plastic	Means plastic that contains an additive designed to accelerate fragmentation of the plastic into smaller pieces under certain conditions, including exposure to light, bacteria or heat.
Polyactic acid (PLA)	
Polybutylene succinate (PBS)	
Polyvinyl choride (PVC)	
Ceramics	<p>Defined as a material:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) that is inorganic and non-metallic; and b) made up of metal compounds and non-metal compounds; and c) that has been shaped and hardened by heat