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### **COMMISSION RELEASES ISSUES PAPER ON CDS PRICE MONITORING**

The ACT Independent Competition and Regulatory Commission today released an issues paper outlining its proposed approach to monitoring changes in beverage prices and identifying any competition impacts following the introduction of the ACT's Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) on 30 June 2018.

The ACT Government has asked the Commission to report on its findings and any recommendations on improving the operation of the CDS in a progress report in February 2019 and in a final report in July 2019.

Under the ACT CDS, consumers will be able to return certain empty beverage containers to Collection Points and receive a 10c refund per eligible container. The 10c refund and CDS administration costs are funded through charges paid by the beverage industry. Beverage suppliers can recover these charges through the prices consumers pay for certain container beverages.

The issues paper describes the Commission's proposed approach to monitoring beverage prices and explains how the Commission intends to monitor whether the CDS is affecting competition in the ACT beverage industry. The paper lists questions and issues on which it is seeking information and comments.

The Commission encourages submissions from consumers, beverage suppliers and retailers, and other stakeholders on the proposed approach, as well as on issues relating to pricing, competition, beverage supplier behaviour, and any other impacts of the CDS. Feedback can be provided in a formal submission or via the feedback form on the Commission's website.

The Commission will take into account all submissions and feedback it receives when preparing the progress report. The Commission intends to hold a public forum following the release of the progress report to give interested people a further opportunity to provide comments and express any concerns.

The issues paper is available on the Commission's website at [www.icrc.act.gov.au](http://www.icrc.act.gov.au) or can be obtained by contacting the Commission either on (02) 6205 0799 or via email at [icrc@act.gov.au](mailto:icrc@act.gov.au). The closing date for submissions is **17 August 2018**.

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