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# Shire of Mt Marshall

— THE SANDALWOOD SHIRE —

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Dear Sirs,

## CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME SERVICE STANDARDS - MT MARSHALL SUBMISSION

On behalf of the council and community of the Shire of Mt Marshall please accept this letter by way of submission in response to the 'Customer service standards for collection network – container deposit scheme' document recently released by the department.

Whilst it is acknowledged that the container deposit scheme will be one which is complicated to set up across the vast state of Western Australia, the Shire of Mt Marshall would invite the department to look more closely at the proposed scheme, in particular at the proposed locations of the refund points.

The document proposes maximum travel distances to a refund point. For Outer Regional areas (which we believe Mt Marshall falls into) the maximum distance to travel to a refund point is 100km. Firstly it is submitted that this distance is too great to encourage usage of the scheme (which must be the point of the exercise). Secondly, and perhaps more importantly, if that maximum distance is to remain 100kms, the town of Beacon in our Shire is further than 100km from any proposed refund point.

Given that Mt Marshall is part of the North Eastern Wheatbelt Regional Organisation of Councils (NEWROC) and the six Shires in our region (Koorda, Mt Marshall, Mukinbudin, Nungarin, Trayning and Wyalkatchem) work and collaborate very closely together, it is our submission that there ought to be a refund point within one of the towns in our region. As one of the most central points of the region we would propose that Bencubbin would be an appropriate place for a refund point to service all of the region. It is acknowledged that a flexible refund point would be appropriate for this region.

Council would welcome the opportunity to discuss this submission, and any option for the siting of a refund point within the Shire with the department.

Yours faithfully,



John Nuttall  
Chief Executive Officer