



# THE ROAD TO **SCHEME** **EXPANSION**

**28 MAY 2026**



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## Acknowledgement of Traditional Owners

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land upon which we live and work and pay our respects to their Elders past and present.

We respect the practice of intergenerational care for Country and its relevance to our work.

We seek to listen, learn, and build strong partnerships.

We aim to provide genuine opportunities for First Nations peoples in Western Australia through the container deposit scheme, Containers for Change.



# WARRRL

# CONTAINERS 4 CHANGE

- WA Return Recycle Renew Ltd (WARRRL) is contracted to the State of Western Australia as Scheme Coordinator, a statutory office created under the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007 (WA)*.
- WARRRL is governed by a representative Board, with 6 independent directors and 3 directors representing Member companies, Lion and CCEP. The Chair is the Hon. Sheila McHale AM.
- Is a private Member based not-for-profit entity registered with the Australian Charities and Not for Profit Commission.
- Contracts with First Responsible Suppliers, refund points, logistics providers, processors, material recovery facilities (MRF) and recyclers to deliver the scheme as required by relevant legislation and Regulations.
- Is the public facing brand of the scheme.
- Uses the distinctive green and white branding to publicise and market the scheme and to help build awareness.
- Supports participants including community groups, schools and commercial sectors participating in the scheme with collection infrastructure such as bins, bags, posters, stickers etc.
- Has a dedicated C4C app so you can track recovery of eligible containers and see the environmental impact of returning containers for recycling.

# Current scope of eligible containers

**1.55B** beverage containers between 150 millilitres and 3 litres in volume are covered by the current scheme scope and include:



soft drink cans  
and bottles



bottled water –  
both plastic and  
glass



small  
flavoured  
milk drinks



beer and cider  
cans and bottles



sports drinks and  
spirit-based  
mixed drinks

The full list of **current** eligible products can be found at the following link:

[wa.gov.au/system/files/2025-02/wa-cds-beverage-container-list-jan-2025.pdf](https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2025-02/wa-cds-beverage-container-list-jan-2025.pdf)

The **draft** list of **expanded scope** eligible products can be found at the following link:

[wa.gov.au/system/files/2025-12/container-deposit-scheme-expansion-proposed-wa-beverage-container-list\\_0.pdf](https://www.wa.gov.au/system/files/2025-12/container-deposit-scheme-expansion-proposed-wa-beverage-container-list_0.pdf)

# Lifecycle of a container



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## First Responsible Suppliers

Containers for Change is a product stewardship scheme, in which industry participants share responsibility for the sustainable management of products.

FRS pay for the cost of operating a convenient and accessible recycling scheme to recover and recycle eligible containers.

## Consumers

Individual consumers and business operators consume beverages in the eligible containers and collect them before taking them to a refund point to receive the 10 cent refund and in doing so, allow them to be recycled.

## Refund Point Operators (RPOs)

Refund point operators are responsible for collecting, counting and sorting returned containers, paying refund amounts to customers, and preparing materials for transport to a processor.

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## Logistics Providers

Logistics providers ensure the safe and efficient transportation of eligible containers from container refund points, to a processor for compression and baling or colour sorting in the case of glass.

## Processors

Processors provide container collection infrastructure to container refund point operators (RPO) and prepare the collected containers for sale, (e.g. by crushing materials into bales for sale to the market) and manage the transfer of materials to approved recyclers.

## Material Recovery Facilities (MRFs)

MRFs sort collected recyclable material from kerbside recycling schemes (yellow co-mingled bin).

They may use a combination of manual and mechanical separation to recover and separate mixed dry recyclables.

## Recycling

All processed materials from processors and material recovery facilities are sold to approved recyclers.

Only registered recyclers can buy through the portal. As WARRRL is a not-for-profit organisation, auction returns are reinvested into WARRRL to fund the running costs of the scheme.

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## Exporters

In some circumstances beverage products manufactured or first sold into WA will be exported out of the state either overseas or to another state or territory.

Because these containers do not stay in WA for consumption or redemption, they are not a cost to the scheme. The exporter of these containers can claim an export rebate if there has been a supply contribution already paid to the scheme on these same containers.

# Recycling outcomes (for the 2024/25 financial year)

Container material	Tonnes	Destination	Recycled into
Glass	36,800	South Australia	New wine and beer bottles
Glass – Pilbara and Kimberley regions	1,300	Western Australia	Road base and other construction materials
PET – clear	4,700	Victoria and NSW	New beverage containers
PET – colour	300	Victoria	Non food grade products
HDPE	300	Victoria	Non food grade containers such as dishwashing liquid, furniture
Aluminium	5,600	South Korea, Malaysia, Thailand	New beverage cans, car parts, building products, kitchen foil
Liquid paperboard	370	Spain	Construction board

# Scheme volumes overview

Millions of containers FY2024/25	Current scheme scope	Expansion scope (estimated volumes)	Combined
<b>Beverage suppliers sales volumes:</b>			
Soft drink, water, beer, smaller size fruit juice & flavoured milk	1,550	-	1,550
Wine & spirits	-	80	80
Cordial, larger format fruit juice and flavoured milk	-	30	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>1,660</b>

<b>Redemption of containers</b>			
Via the refund point network	883	70	953
Via co-mingled yellow bin (Material Recovery Facilities – MRF)	136	10	146
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,019</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>1,099</b>

# BENEFITS FROM THE CURRENT SCHEME

- Over 5 billion containers saved from general waste with an annual container recovery rate of 65.7% for FY2024/25.
- Container litter reduced in WA from 44% pre scheme to less than 6%.
- More than 850 jobs created across WA including more than 125 employees from disadvantaged backgrounds and long term unemployed and more than 50 First Nations peoples.
- More than \$20 million donated to WA causes, community groups, schools and charities.
- Social enterprise opportunities created for community groups.
- More than 300 refund points established to make participating and returning containers as easy and convenient as possible.
- Bottle to bottle recycling of glass, plastic and aluminium\* containers.

\*Aluminium containers are recycled into new beverage cans as well as other items such as car parts and kitchen foil

# EXPANDED SCHEME SCOPE

# CDS commencement year by state



STATE	QLD	WA	NSW	SA	NT
MATERIAL	YEAR OF EXPANDED SCHEME				
Wine & spirits	2023	2026	2027	2027	2026
Cordial	-	2026	2027	2027	-
Retail size fruit juice and flavoured milk	-	2026	2027	2027	2026

# Scheme Expansion announced for July 2026

On 10 September 2025, the State Government announced that Western Australia's container deposit scheme expansion will officially commence on 1 July 2026.

The current scheme will be expanded to include the following containers, all of which must be between 150 millilitres and 3 litres:

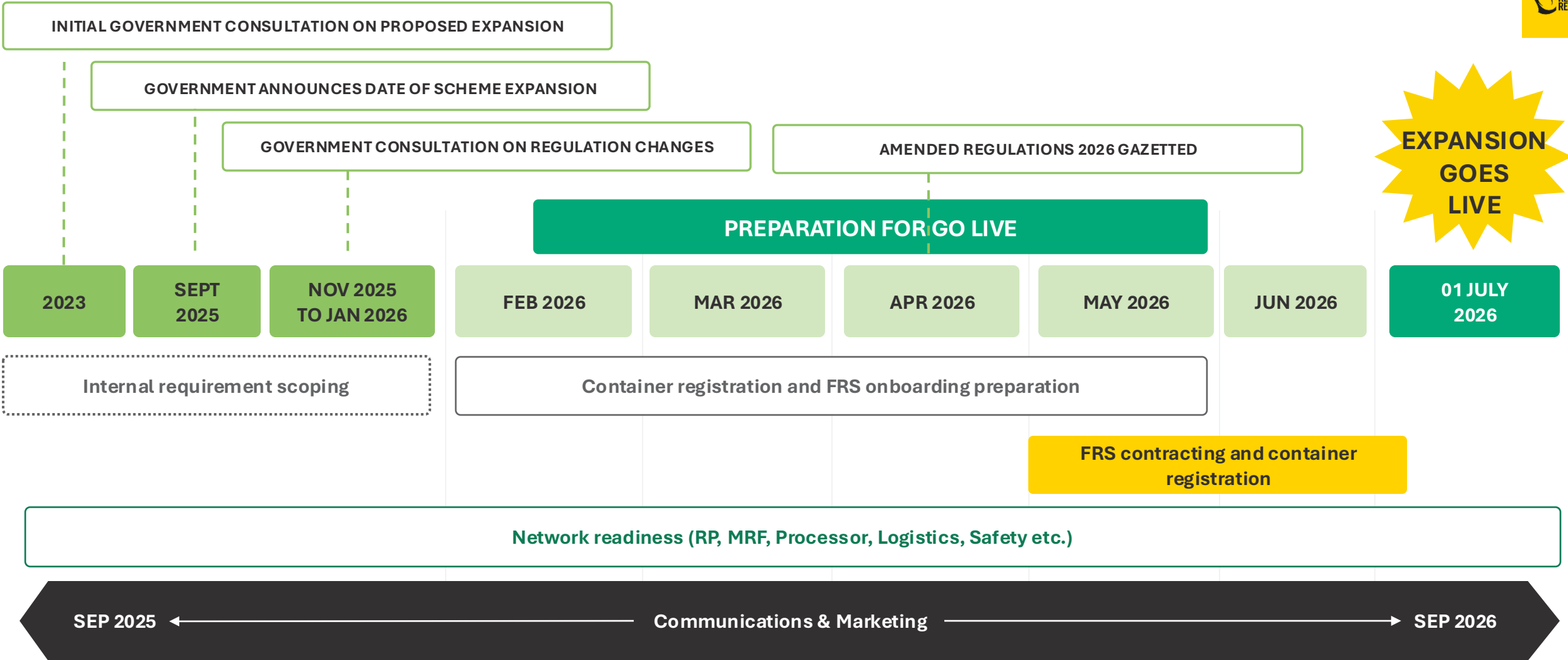
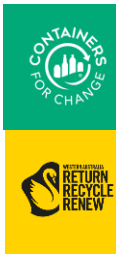
- **glass wine and spirit bottles**
- **wine packaged in plastic, sachets and casks**
- **water packaged in casks**
- **fruit and vegetable juices**
- **flavoured milk and cordial**

Plain milk and registered health tonic containers will remain excluded from Containers for Change and should be placed in the yellow-lidded recycling bin at home.

An expansion of this size requires time to prepare and we will be working in the background with all our stakeholders to ensure we are operationally ready for the scheme expansion commencement date.

**No containers captured under the expanded scheme will be accepted at refund points or other collection services until 1 July 2026.**

# Expansion timeline



# Key focus areas



Onboard new First Responsible Suppliers (FRS) and register new eligible containers captured under the expanded scheme scope.



Ensure refund points can safely and efficiently accept containers under the expanded scheme and the logistics providers, processors and recyclers can cope with the increased volumes.



Consumers return eligible containers including expanded scope from 1 July 2026. FRS commence reporting and contributing to the operation of the scheme.

**NEW  
FIRST  
RESPONSIBLE  
SUPPLIERS**



# New First Responsible Suppliers

Under the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Act 2007* and the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (Container Deposit Scheme) Amendment Regulations 2026*, Section 47B (b) states “if a beverage is to be supplied in a container, various conditions must be met, including a Supply Agreement being in force that requires a contribution to the costs of the scheme (including the costs of refund amounts paid under the scheme)” to the scheme.

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## This means suppliers need to:

- Enter into a Supply Agreement with the Scheme Coordinator (WARRRL) in order to continue to supply beverages into Western Australia
- Register all their SKUs on the scheme database of Approved Containers. Without it, products cannot legally be sold in WA
- Contribute their proportionate share of the costs of the scheme

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## When will I need a Supply Agreement?

- If you are supplying containers that are captured within the current or expanded scope of the scheme you must register now via the link on the WARRRL website <https://warrrl.powerappsportals.com/> to allow a Supply Agreement to be entered into and your eligible containers registered.
- More details and guideline are provided on the WARRRL website at [First Responsible Supplier - fact sheet and guidelines](#)

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CONTAINERS  
FOR CHANGE



WESTERN AUSTRALIA  
RETURN RECYCLE RENEW

# Existing First Responsible Suppliers

## Will I need a new Supply Agreement?

No, contract change notices have been issued to existing First Responsible Suppliers to reflect the changes in law only such as the introduction of annual reporting and invoicing for Micro Supplier who supply less than 150,000 eligible containers annually into WA.

## How can I register products included in the expanded scheme?

To assist suppliers and allow a smooth transition at scheme commencement, WARRRL has sent out a registration template to all existing suppliers. Containers captured under the expansion should be registered using this template. Please return completed templates via email to the scheme expansion team so they can be pre-approved and uploaded to the portal on your behalf.

## My product is already approved in the Queensland portal, do I need to register it again in the WA portal?

WARRRL has received from COEX the product details of expanded scope wine and spirit glass containers registered in Queensland. FRS with expanded scope products registered in Queensland will receive a pre-filled template to review and confirm. Any additional expanded scope containers not captured in Queensland can be added to this template. Completed templates should be returned via email to [schemeexpansion2026queries@warrl.com.au](mailto:schemeexpansion2026queries@warrl.com.au)

## Will there be a transition period for refund mark labels?

Yes. A 3 year transitional period will apply for both the refund mark and the requirement to include a barcode for expanded scope containers. (Until 1 July 2029)

For wine & spiritous liquor that is already bottled and being cellared, a 10 year transition period will apply. (Until 1 July 2036)



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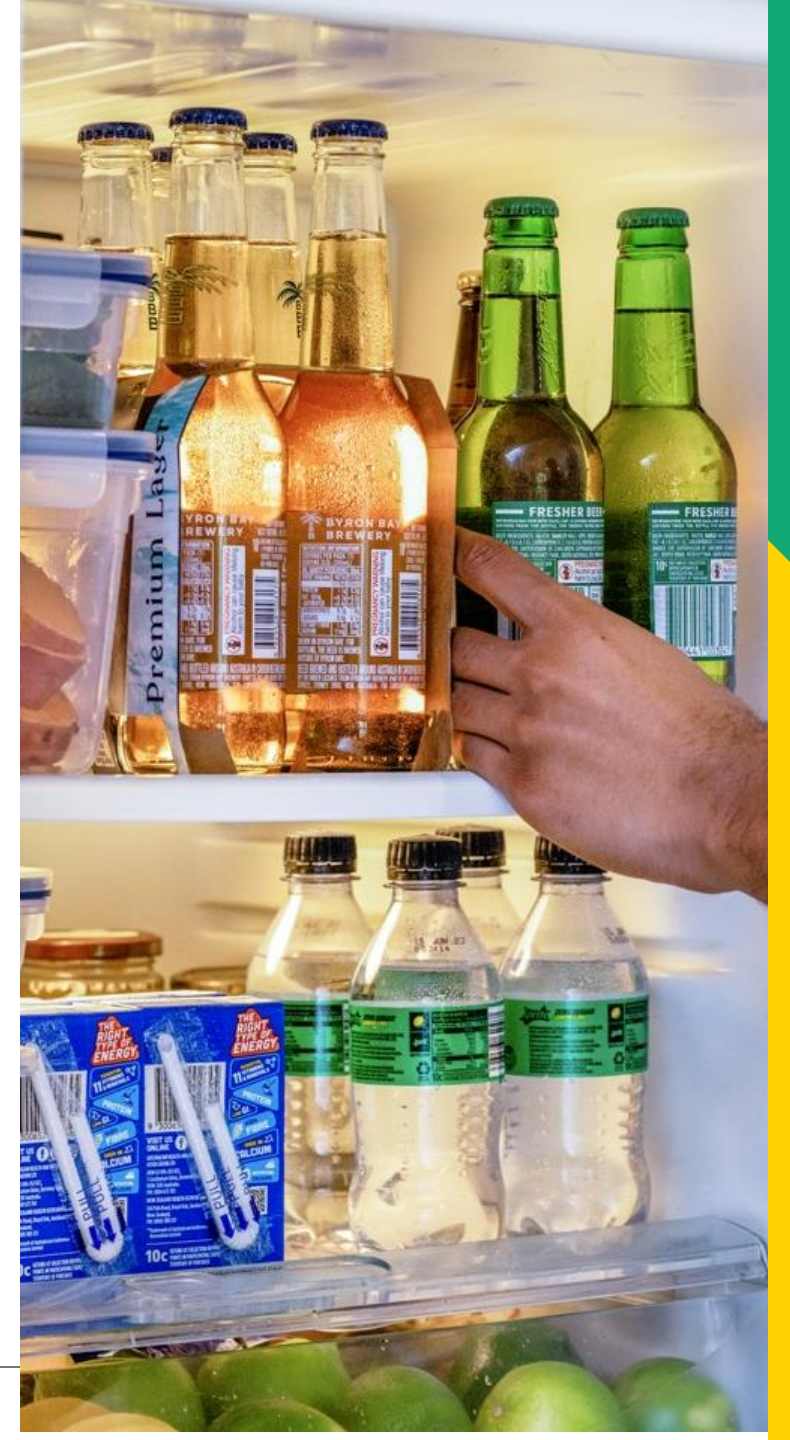
# Registration Pack Now Available

<https://www.warrl.com.au/first-responsible-suppliers/>



# SELF SERVICE **FIRST** **RESPONSIBLE SUPPLIER** **REGISTRATION PORTAL**

## NAVIGATION BASICS



# Container approval process and prohibited materials:

DWER are proposing amendments to the regulations to ease the administrative burden for eligible containers to assist First Responsible Suppliers as follows:

## Container approval streamlining

Ways to streamline approval processes have been reflected in the Amended Regulations, including:

- A supplier only needing to obtain one container approval to cover all types, varieties and vintages of ‘wine’ it may supply, and only one container approval for any type of ‘spiritous liquor’ it may supply. This aims to reduce administration and compliance costs for suppliers.
- Fast-tracking assessment of approvals for glass or aluminium containers.
- Reducing and simplifying the application process for transfers of container approvals.

## Prohibited materials

It is proposed to prohibit certain materials from the scheme that pose a recycling contamination risk. For example:

- Ceramics
- Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC)
- Biodegradable plastic
- Degradable plastic
- Polylactic Acid (PLA)

# Reporting and payment requirements for FRS:

Reporting & invoicing requirements:	
< 150,000 eligible containers per annum <small>(can elect to report and pay monthly or quarterly if this assists cashflow management)</small>	report volumes and pay yearly
150,000 to <300,000 eligible containers per annum <small>(can elect to report and pay monthly if this assists cashflow management)</small>	report volumes and pay quarterly
>300,000 eligible containers per annum	report volumes and pay monthly



There will be a grace period of 3 years until 1 July 2029 for FRS to comply with requirements to display a barcode and a refund mark (10¢) on any new containers captured under the expanded scheme. Wine and spiritous liquor that have already been bottled and are currently being cellared will have a grace period of 10 years until 1 July 2036.

It is an overarching principle of the transition period that the government does not expect FRS to relabel existing stock.

# Current Scheme Pricing as at 1 May 2026



Material Type	Cost per container supplied (ex GST)	Plus GST	Cost per container supplied (Inc GST)
<b>Aluminium</b>	13.39 cents	1.34 cents	14.73 cents
<b>Glass</b>	13.84 cents	1.38 cents	15.22 cents
<b>HDPE</b>	13.85 cents	1.39 cents	15.24 cents
<b>PET</b>	13.76 cents	1.38 cents	15.14 cents
<b>LPB</b>	14.17 cents	1.42 cents	15.59 cents
<b>Other materials</b>	14.17 cents	1.42 cents	15.59 cents
<b>Weighted average cost</b>	<b>13.61 cents</b>	<b>1.36 cents</b>	<b>14.97 cents</b>

Scheme Prices are set so that, over time:

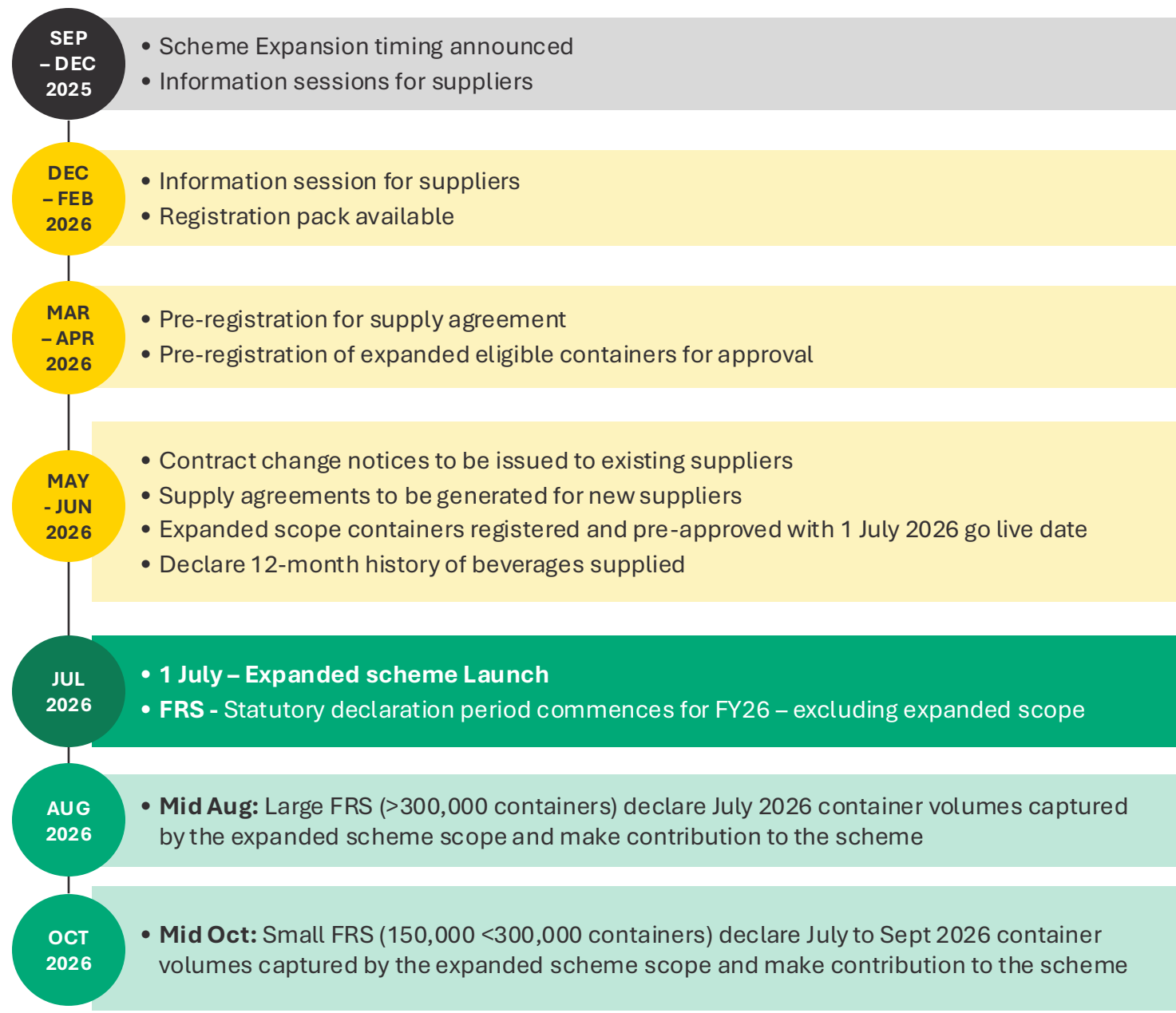
- (i) Aggregate contributions are approximately equal to the aggregate costs of the Scheme;
- (ii) The Scheme remains liquid at all times; and
- (iii) If the Coordinator accumulates excess cash reserves, the excess reserves are drawn down to fund future Scheme costs

Pricing is formally reviewed twice per year with any changes normally taking effect from the 1 Feb or 1 Aug with approximately 4 months notice provided of any change in pricing. Pricing will remain unchanged at 1 Aug 2026.

Since the Scheme commenced in October 2020, there have been two x one cent increases applied.

# NEXT STEPS

# Timeline & next steps



**JUL 2027**

- Mid July:** Micro FRS (<150,000 containers) declare July 2026 to June 2027 container volumes captured by the expanded scheme scope and make contribution to scheme

- WARRRL is here to assist you through the contracting and container registration process to minimise any administrative requirements.**

# QUESTIONS

## Contact

Email | [schemeexpansion2026queries@warrl.com.au](mailto:schemeexpansion2026queries@warrl.com.au)

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## Additional resources

WARRRL website | [warrl.com.au/first-responsible-suppliers](http://warrl.com.au/first-responsible-suppliers)

Containers for Change website | [containersforchange.com.au/wa](http://containersforchange.com.au/wa)

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