



BEVERAGE CONTAINER MANAGEMENT BOARD

# News Release

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## **EPR Legislation Introduced for Recycling in Alberta Beverage containers to remain part of existing regulated industry**

The Government of Alberta introduced legislation on Monday that will enable Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) in Alberta. The [Environmental Protection and Enhancement Amendment Act \(Bill 83\)](#) will set the foundation for implementation of an EPR framework in the spring of 2022. Details on the provincial government announcement can be [found here](#).

The framework will create systems for managing single-use plastics, packaging, paper products and hazardous and special products like household pesticides and solvents. Beverage containers will not be part of the EPR approach in its initial development and implementation.

Alberta Environment and Parks (AEP) has continually recognized the success of Alberta's regulated beverage container recycling system and how favourably it benchmarks against systems across Canada. The inclusion of beverage containers in EPR has not been ruled out for the future and AEP has committed to extensive engagement with the beverage container recycling industry should that change be considered at another time.

"The BCMB respects the decision to not include beverage containers at this time. Our successful system has always been highly regarded across Canada and has many of the key elements of EPR, including registration of producers, producer reporting, and measurement of producer compliance with recycling targets and accessibility standards," said BCMB President, Blaire Charlton-Gaalaas. "As a Delegated Administrative Organization, we have worked closely with AEP throughout the EPR consultation process and will continue to provide support and expertise as AEP develops and implements an EPR framework in our province."

A summary of the first phase of stakeholder engagement on EPR can be found in the Government of Alberta's [What We Heard](#) document. Further input from stakeholders and all Albertans is being accepted until December 15<sup>th</sup>.

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