Peter Chandler
Shadow Environment Minister
Media Release

11th March 2009

CDL SET TO GATHER DUST

The Territory Opposition can’t fathom why the Henderson Government will wait until 2011 until deciding whether introducing container deposit legislation into the Territory.

“South Australia has had a CDL operating for 30 years but for reasons known only to itself the Henderson Government needs a further two years to assess the feasibility of introducing such a scheme into the Territory,” says Peter Chandler, Shadow Minister for the Environment.

“I fully agree with the Chief Minister that that the scheme should be financially viable, legally sound and can deliver in both urban and remote centres.

“I just don’t believe it should take two years to work out whether that’s the case.

“The grass grows quicker than this Government makes decisions.

“We won’t be inventing the wheel – merely assessing the viability of implementing long-standing legislation from another jurisdiction.

“I’ve got a suggestion for the Chief Minister – throw caution to the wind and place a 12 month time-frame on this project.

Further comment: Peter Chandler 0429 076 493