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THE FUTURE IS RECYCLING

Minister for the Environment Karl Hampton yesterday inspected container recycling factories in Adelaide and was briefed by industry representatives and operators to assess options for the introduction of container deposit legislation (CDL) in the Northern Territory.

“CDL promises significant environmental and social benefits for the NT,” said Mr Hampton.

“Here in South Australia more than 600 million containers are recycled every year; that’s more than half a billion plastic or carton containers that don’t end up in waterways, parks or landfill.

“As well as the environmental benefits, CDL is a substantial commercial boost employing more than 1000 people and worth almost $100m a year to the SA economy.

“Much of this income flows to community groups like schools and clubs; for example, the SA Scouts turnover $18million a year from their members’ recycling efforts.

“Territorians have already shown their support for this concept; a trial at last years Freds Pass show run by the Scouts collected more than 12,000 containers in just one day.

“This planned legislation promises to bring in a new culture of responsible recycling across the Territory.”

The NT Government is currently developing a local CDL model for implementation in 2011.

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