Cash For Containers Goes Statewide

Environment Minister Karl Hampton today announced Statewide Recycling and Envirobank NT Pty Ltd as additional Cash for Containers coordinators to begin operating in the Territory from 3 January 2012.

Mr Hampton said under Government’s landmark cash for containers legislation, container deposit coordinators broker the flow of deposits and handling fees between manufacturers and collection depots and receive the empty containers for on-selling into the recycling markets.

“The Territory Government is the greenest in the Territory’s history and Cash for Containers will help meet targets within the Territory 2030 strategic plan,” Mr Hampton said.

“This includes reducing the amount of waste being taken to our rubbish dumps by 50% by 2020.

“That’s why we are pushing ahead with our historic cash for containers scheme that will return 10c on each container returned when the scheme commences on 3 January 2012.

“This model has worked in South Australia for decades and Territorians want it here - history shows that prices for a basket of drinks should be no different across Australia.

“Today marks the start of National Recycling Week and I congratulate Statewide Recycling and Envirobank NT on being approved as coordinators under our Cash for Containers Scheme.

“Statewide has operated for many years in a similar role in the South Australian container deposit scheme as a CDS Super Collector.

“The Envirobank NT management team has decades of experience in the recycling business.”

“I expect that by January 3 next year we will have the fundamentals of a collection depot network in place that can then further grow as the system matures.

“It is at these collection depots where Territorians will be able to take their containers and receive 10c in return for each item.

“Cash for Containers is a step in the right direction to help clean up our environment and provide financial support to community and sports organisations.

“Businesses and community groups in regional and remote areas that are interested in obtaining up to $15,000 in grants to help establish themselves as a collection depot or collection point are urged to go to www.greeningnt.nt.gov.au and apply for these grants.”

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