Minister for Lands, Planning and the Environment, Peter Chandler, announced today that the Government is appealing against the judgment over the legality of the Territory’s Container Deposit Scheme.

“The recycling scheme is extremely popular, we are defending it on behalf of Territorians.

“That's also why the Territory Government is paying refunds from today for eight weeks on containers collected by Territorians.

“It is simply absurd that we have inherited such a mess. We know it will be a tough court battle, but the Country Liberals Government is up to the challenge.

“We had no option in the first place when Coca-Cola Amatil, Schweppes Australia, and Lion Pty Ltd, went to court to challenge our law.

“They won. The Federal Court of Australia decided they did not have to comply with the law the scheme operates under.

“We are lodging an appeal because the scheme is environmentally a winner and too many families, businesses and community groups rely on collecting containers for the 10c refund.

“Meanwhile, we are confident of gaining a Council of Australian Governments (COAG) exemption from the operation of the Mutual Recognition Act, which will finally guarantee the operation of the Container Deposit Scheme in the Northern Territory.”

Media Contact:
Judith Hughey 8928 6619 or 0409 863 383