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DARWIN COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAM WORK PARTY

They came, they saw, they cleared it all away.

Justice Minister Syd Stirling today joined inmates and prison officers from a Darwin Correctional Centre Community Work Party as they worked on several rusted out old car bodies which had been dumped on Crown Land.

The CWPs are teams of inmates who often help out non-government organisations, seniors, councils and other government agencies with labouring jobs as part of their reparation back to the community.

“It’s an important part of the justice cycle and helps to rehabilitate inmates,” Mr Stirling said.

“The CWPs have been operating since 1997 in the Northern Territory and I know many organisations have been grateful for their assistance.

“In this case, the Department of Planning and Infrastructure and the Palmerston City Council had expressed their disgust at the dumping of the old car bodies just a stone’s throw away from the Palmerston dump.

“I’m told this is a far too common occurrence and that is why the help of the CWP was badly needed.”

The Minister said residents should be vigilant and report such dumping to the DPI pollution hotline on 1800-064-567.

“Our Community Work Parties do a great job of helping clear away such rubbish but it’s unfortunate their efforts are needed,” Mr Stirling said. “However, it’s been a good opportunity to see first-hand the sort of work the CWP’s do and the contribution they make to the community.”

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