Container Deposit Scheme Applications Now Open

The next step in implementing the Territory’s Cash for Containers has been taken.

Environment Minister Karl Hampton said the Territory Government is now calling for applications under the following categories in the Territory Government’s Container Deposit Scheme (CDS):

- CDS Coordinator Approvals
- Collection Depots Approvals
- NT Container Supply Approvals

“A 10c refund is available under the scheme for a range of empty containers such as bottles and cans purchased in the Territory,” Mr Hampton said.

“In order for the refund amount to be claimed we will need approved CDS coordinators, collection depots and suppliers involved so that requirements such as recycling, reusability or other appropriate disposal are met.”

Mr Hampton said more information and application forms are available at cashforcontainers@nt.gov.au or www.greeningnt.nt.gov.au or calling 1800 752 632.

“Budget 2011 invests $490,000 to develop, implement and administer the new CDS with a further $315,000 annual spend from 2012 to continue operating the scheme,” Mr Hampton said.

“The Territory’s cash for containers scheme is a step in the right direction and will mean a cleaner, greener Territory.

“Through this scheme the Territory Government is taking action to reduce landfill, clean up our streets and waterways as well as protecting Territory wildlife.

“We are the second jurisdiction in Australia to adopt a cash for containers program which will reduce landfill by encouraging Territorians to recycle while providing money to Territory kids, community organisations and small businesses.

“The passing of container deposit legislation earlier this year in Parliament was a massive landmark for the Territory and is one initiative that will help put us well on track to reach our Territory 2030 goal of reducing rubbish going to landfill by 50 per cent.”

The Territory’s cash for containers scheme will come into operation on 3 January 2012.

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