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CASTLE HILL COMMUNITY GETS READY TO “RETURN AND EARN”

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams has welcomed the appointment of Exchange for Change and TOMRA-Cleanaway to head NSW’s “Return and Earn” 10-cent Container Deposit Scheme due to roll out in December.

The landmark agreements will see Exchange for Change and TOMRA-Cleanaway appointed as the Scheme Coordinator and Network Operator respectively.

“Return and Earn will be an environmental game-changer for the Castle Hill electorate the environment,” Mr Williams said.

“This is the biggest initiative to tackle litter in the state’s history – it will be easy to use, accessible and good for the environment. It will make a huge difference to the amount of rubbish on our streets, parks and waterways across our community.”

The scheme’s main features include:

- More than 500 collection points across the state, including in remote towns of more than 500 people and at 270 sites across the Greater Sydney Region
- The network will include more than 800 reverse vending machines across NSW
- The 10-cent refund will be provided as either cash, electronic transfer or a voucher for in store redemption
- Eligible containers included most glass, cans, plastic and paperboard drink containers between 150 millilitres and three litres – those often found in the litter stream.

The Scheme Coordinator will ensure the refund is paid through the network Operator. The Network Operator will run a network of collection points across the state, including more than 800 reverse vending machines.

The large-scale roll out of reverse vending machines is a first for Australia. The Queensland scheme is set to follow next year.

The Return and Earn scheme is a convenient and rewarding system for everyone. It provides fundraising opportunity for charities, schools, community and sporting groups; sharing in millions of dollars every year in places where similar schemes have been running for decades.



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Eligible drink containers can be refunded for 10-cents from 1 December when Return and Earn commences. For more information visit:

<http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/container-deposit-scheme.htm>.

Download flyover maps: <http://qlnk.io/ql/597a93d8e4b087a66c72b081>.

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