

## The Hon Ray Williams MP

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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## NEW RETURN AND EARN RETURN POINT CONFIRMED FOR CASTLE HILL

Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams MP today announced that Castle Hill will have a return point for the NSW container deposit scheme Return and Earn, for people to claim 10 cents on their eligible drink containers. The reverse vending machine (RVM) will be located at the Aventus (Super Centre) 18 Victoria Ave Castle Hill NSW 2154.

"Return and Earn is the largest litter reduction initiative to be introduced in NSW, and I am delighted to announce this new return point for Castle Hill," Mr Williams said.

"This will ensure that everyone in the community is able to participate in the scheme and return their eligible drink containers easily and conveniently by placing them into the RVM for a refund."

RVMs provide community users a refund in three ways. They can:

- Receive the refund into a registered PayPal account by scanning the myTOMRA app code on your smartphone at the machine
- Collect a printed voucher that can be redeemed for either cash or an in-store purchase at the retail partner (such as Woolworths, Coles, IGA)
- Donate to one of the donation partners listed on the machine

"Local community groups, schools, sports groups and charities can also apply to become a local donation partner on the machine so people returning containers to the site can choose to donate them their refund.

"I'm so pleased that everybody in the (insert community) will have the opportunity to participate in Return and Earn and help reduce the 160 million drink containers that are littered in our NSW community every year," said Mr Williams.

Drink containers eligible for the 10 cent refund include most containers between 150ml and three litres. Containers must be intact (not crushed or broken) and have a readable barcode to be eligible for the refund.

Residents can still use their kerbside recycling bins for ineligible drink containers. They can also still place their eligible containers into the kerbside recycling bins or even donate them to local charities or community groups that are collecting them for fundraising purposes.

For more information, including a return point map, eligible drink containers, and how to apply to become a donation partner, visit: www.returnandearn.org.au

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