



# The Hon Ray Williams MP

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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### OVER 6 MILLION CONTAINERS RETURNED IN THE CASTLE HILL ELECTORATE

The Castle Hill electorate has played a huge part by returning over 6 million containers across the 6 Reverse Vending Machines (RVMs) now located in the local area including:

Suburb	Type	Site name	Volume	Local donation partner (featured on the machine)
Castle Hill	RVM	Aventus Castle Hill	85,582	Hills Community Aid and Information Services Inc
Dural	RVM	The Centre Dural	321,639	Studio Artes Northside Inc
Kellyville	RVM	Woolworths Kellyville	5,513,194	Hills Community Aid and Information Services Inc
Kellyville	RVM	Kellyville Village	42,213	Hills Community Aid and Information Services Inc
Kellyville	RVM	Woolworths North Kellyville	3,749	Australian Red Cross ( <i>nb – this is the statewide residual partner for where no local donation partner is featured</i> )
Rouse Hill	RVM	Home Co Rouse Hill	201,181	DCH Animal Adoptions
			<b>6,167,558</b>	

That's a staggering \$600,000 back in the pockets of local residents.

Residents in the local community have embraced the Return and Earn scheme and are returning their eligible drink containers easily and conveniently by placing them into the RVM for a refund" said Mr Williams.

RVMs provide community users a 10 cent refund on eligible drink containers in three different 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 are taking the opportunity 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 electorate 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



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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](http://www.returnandearn.org.au)

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