



Mark Speakman
Minister for the Environment

MEDIA RELEASE

Thursday, 17 November 2016

GET APPLICATIONS IN THE CAN TO RUN CONTAINER SCHEME

The NSW Environment Minister Mark Speakman is calling for applications for a Scheme Coordinator and network operators of the NSW Government's 10-cent Container Deposit Scheme.

Mr Speakman said the roles would be integral to the performance of the scheme.

"The NSW Government announced the landmark Container Deposit Scheme in May 2016, passed the legislation in October and now we need committed and qualified partners to maintain momentum and roll it out across the state from 1 July next year," Minister Speakman said.

"It's a great opportunity for community groups and charities around NSW to participate in the scheme which will help us achieve Premier Mike Baird's Priority target of reducing litter volume by 40 per cent by 2020."

Invitations to pre-qualify are now open for:

- A single Scheme Coordinator that will be responsible for the financial management, community education, auditing and validation of the scheme
- Network operators that will be responsible for establishing and running networks of collection sites across the state, and for transporting containers to recyclers.

Registrations of interest are also being sought, in a separate process, for potential collection point operators that may be selected by the network operators when appointed.

To apply for prequalification as Scheme Coordinator or as a network operator, and to see the criteria for assessing applicants and the submission requirements, visit the NSW Government eTendering website: <https://tenders.nsw.gov.au/epa>

Applications must be received via the NSW Government's eTendering website no later than **5pm Monday 5 December 2016**.

To register interest as a collection point operator or for more information about the container deposit scheme visit the EPA website: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/container-deposit-scheme.htm>