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STRONG INTEREST IN CONTAINER DEPOSIT SCHEME TENDER PRE-QUALIFICATION

After a strong response to a pre-qualification process, 18 applicants will be invited to tender for the NSW Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) scheme coordinator and network operator roles, NSW Environment Minister Mark Speakman said today.

“The scheme coordinator and network operator roles will be fundamental to the success of the NSW Government’s CDS, so it is essential we find the best candidates for the roles,” Mr Speakman said.

“There was a strong interest from applicants in the pre-qualification process. Following a review by the new Ministerial Advisory Committee, eight applicants will be invited to tender for the scheme coordinator role and 15 for network operator roles.

The applicants come from a range of business and community backgrounds, including finance, industry and local government. There will also be many opportunities for community and other groups to operate collection points on behalf of network operators when those operators are appointed.

Mr Speakman said the nine-person Ministerial Advisory Committee would provide ongoing expert advice on a range of CDS-related issues.

“The committee members have expertise across a range of areas including finance, legal, industry, environment, resource recovery and community engagement,” Mr Speakman said.

The CDS will roll out across NSW from 1 July 2017. The CDS tender process is expected to be finalised in April 2017. Read more on the CDS at epa.nsw.gov.au/container-deposit-scheme.htm

Ministerial advisory committee members: Dr Tony Wilkins (chair), Tony Hill (legal), Chris Knoblanche (finance), Heidi Taylor (litter and marine debris), Prof Damien Giurco (environment), Sandra Loader (industry), Donna Rygate (local government), Stephen Sykes (regional delivery) and Barry Buffier (EPA).

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