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LAJAMANU SHOWS CDL WORKS

Gerry Wood, the Independent Member for Nelson, says that a project to improve recycling at Lajamanu using deposits on drink containers shows how successful the scheme works. At Lajamanu five cents extra was put on all aluminium and plastic drink containers which was repaid when returned to the local store.

Gerry says that in an article in the OurPlace magazine by James Newman from the Centre of Appropriate Technology he states that ‘The Container Deposit Scheme has been hailed a success by all those who have participated. The benefits include extra pocket money for community members, particularly school children who have been the main recyclers. Lajamanu is a much tidier community and has been rewarded the Chairman’s Prize at the NT Melaleuca Awards in April 2008’

Gerry says that the amazing thing about this project is that it was funded by the NT Government who refuses to introduce Container Deposit Legislation in the NT unless it is part of a national scheme.

He says Alice Springs Council have also run a successful trial and are asking for money from the NT Government to continue their CDL project.

But Gerry says that what is needed is for the NT Government to introduce a CDL scheme for the NT similar to the highly successful one in SA and to stop being a captive of the powerful drink and container companies who fund the NT Government for litter programmes.

The NT Government pretend to be green but only when it suits them politically.

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