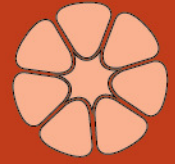




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**Natasha Fyles**  
Shadow Minister for Natural Resources,  
Environment & Heritage

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### **STATEMENT: Cash for Containers**

Shadow Environment Minister Natasha Fyles today offered full support from the Opposition to the Territory Government to continue the fight to keep Cash for Containers in the Territory.

The support follows the decision in the Federal Court to overturn the scheme in the Northern Territory.

“It is disappointing to see that that the big beverage industries have prevailed today,” Ms Fyles said.

“This decision is sadly a victory for big corporations over the community and has significant implications for our environment – especially our waterways and national parks.

“Today’s decision would also adversely impact on Territory schools and community groups who will no longer be able to raise much needed funds by collecting cans and bottles.”

Ms Fyles said it was unfair that the Northern Territory could not have the same scheme as South Australia and she welcomed the Government’s decision to seek an exemption to the *Mutual Recognition Act* - the same exemption that South Australia has.

“An exemption required the approval of all States and Territories and the Opposition offered its bi-partisan support to ensure this happens,” Ms Fyles said.

“States need not support Container Deposit Legislation in their jurisdiction to recognise the Northern Territory’s right to have one.

“The Territory Opposition will be seeking a briefing from Solicitor General Michael Grant and will explore every avenue to help Territorians keep this popular scheme.”

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