

## Collection Approval – New Condition of Approval

### The amended Act

The amended *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2014* (the Act) commenced on 30 June 2014. The Act creates requirements under the Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) which will be implemented over the next 6 to 16 months.

The amended Act sees a new condition of approval come into force for holders of a collection approval.

### 24B Condition of collection approval

It is a condition of a collection approval that the operator of the approved collection depot must ensure, as far as reasonably practicable in the circumstances applicable to the depot that the depot is:

- (a) accessible to the general public; and
- (b) open to the general public on a consistent and regular basis.

### Accessible and open to the general public

Under the Act, it is a condition of approval that all approved collection depots must be accessible and open to the general public. The NT EPA must be satisfied that the depot's location is accessible to the public. Depot opening hours and times must be consistent and regular for the circumstances (such as the location) of the depot.

Approved collection depots are in breach of their approval if they are not open to the general public. The NT EPA will be making contact with collection depots that may fall in this category to discuss the options available.

### Further Information

A copy of the *Environment Protection (Beverage Containers and Plastic Bags) Act 2014* can be found at the [NT EPA website](#).

If you would any further information please contact the NT EPA on 1800 752 632 or [containerdeposit@nt.gov.au](mailto:containerdeposit@nt.gov.au).