



## Media Release

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### Expressions of Interest sought for Springfield container refund points

Container Exchange (COEX) is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals, community groups and businesses interested in operating a container refund point (CRP) in Springfield.

COEX is the not-for-profit that delivers the Containers for Change scheme in Queensland, which encourages Queenslanders to reduce litter and increase recycling across the state by returning eligible containers at a container refund point for 10 cents per container.

The successful CRP could service Augustine Heights, Bellbird Park, Brookwater, Camira, Greenbank, Redbank Plains, Ripley, South Ripley, Springfield Central and Springfield Lakes.

State Member for Jordan, Charis Mullen MP said local residents in Springfield and surrounds are really getting on board with the container refund scheme, which is great to see, as it is making a real difference in reducing the amount of plastic pollution ending up in our waterways and environment.

“Additional container refund points for our region would provide greater opportunities not only for recycling but to support local community organisations with fundraising efforts through the scheme,” said Ms Mullen.

COEX Chief Executive Officer Ken Noye recognises the success of the scheme is evidence Queenslanders have embraced the scheme.

“We’re in the first year of operation and have seen more than 800 million containers returned in 10 months,” said Mr Noye.

“This means more than \$80 million has been injected back into communities across the state.

“We’ve also seen a reduction in litter and the creation of employment opportunities, with more than 600 jobs created across the container refund network.”

For more information on how to submit an Expression of Interest visit [www.containerexchange.com.au/latest](http://www.containerexchange.com.au/latest).

Expressions of Interest close 3 pm Monday 23 September 2019.