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FIRST APPROVED ARRANGEMENT ANNOUNCED FOR NATIONAL TELEVISION AND COMPUTER RECYCLING SCHEME

Parliamentary Secretary for Sustainability and Urban Water, Senator Don Farrell, today announced that DHL Supply Chain (Australia) Pty Ltd has been approved as the first organisation able to deliver services under the National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme.

The Scheme will provide Australian households and small businesses with access to free collection and recycling services for televisions, computers, printers and computer products.

As administrator of an approved co-regulatory arrangement, DHL is now able to sign up television and computer manufacturers and importers, and collect and recycle products on their behalf. It is also responsible for ensuring the arrangement meets the scheme's recycling targets.

Senator Farrell said the approval of DHL is an important next step for the industry-run National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme, and further announcements of successful applicants are expected shortly.

“Having a variety of providers is expected to lead to more options, both for the community in how they dispose of unwanted televisions and computers and for manufacturers and importers in terms of which provider they join,” he said.

“It is vital to the scheme’s success that organisations applying to establish a co-regulatory arrangement are able to demonstrate that they can meet the scheme’s strict operating criteria, and I congratulate DHL for doing just that.”

DHL will administer the first of a number of co-regulatory arrangements that will be able to deliver collection and recycling services for televisions, computers and computer products nationally. Services under the new scheme are on track to commence in mid 2012, with access to services expanding across Australia by the end of 2013.

The National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme aims to boost the recycling rate for televisions and computers from 17 per cent in 2010 to 80 per cent by 2020-21, and to provide a long-term solution to television and computer waste

“Televisions and computers contain valuable non-renewable resources including gold and other precious metals as well as hazardous materials including lead, bromine, mercury and zinc. By recycling them, we can recover useful materials and at the same time reduce health and environmental risks.”

Approved co-regulatory arrangements are required to:

- achieve annual targets, starting with a 30 per cent recycling rate for computers and televisions in 2012-13 and rising to 80 per cent in 2020-21;
- complete rolling out reasonable access to free collection services across Australia by December 2013;
- meet a material recovery target of 90 per cent by 2014-2015 onwards;
- and ensure that appropriate occupational health and safety and environmental practices are in place.

The industry funded and run National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme is regulated by the Australian Government under the landmark *Product Stewardship Act 2011*.