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## **DON'T DUMP YOUR E-WASTE**

Minister for Sustainability, Environment and Conservation Paul Caica is reminding South Australians not to dump their unwanted e-waste products this Christmas as there are plenty of alternatives to dispose of them correctly.

“Over the Christmas period many South Australians may be looking to dispose of recently upgraded or replaced electrical goods, but as we celebrate the festive season, I would like to remind everyone that there are plenty of alternatives to simply abandoning e-waste like old televisions and computer monitors on the footpath,” he said.

“Illegal dumping is a big problem for local government, with South Australian councils spending over \$1.5 million per year cleaning up after people who do the wrong thing and simply leave unwanted electrical goods on the kerbside.

“Not only are we creating a hazard on our streets and footpaths, e-waste contains valuable resources like metal, glass and plastic that shouldn’t be sent to landfill.”

Mr Caica said many councils offer government subsidised e-waste collections to residents and there are several businesses in South Australia that provide state-of-the-art recycling services at a relatively small cost to householders.

“I urge residents to do the right thing and not illegally dispose of e-waste,” he said.

Mr Caica also reminded South Australians that the *National Television and Computer Recycling Scheme* begins in 2012.

“Under this scheme, delivered through Federal Government’s National Waste Policy, householders and small business will be able to drop off e-waste for free,” he said.

“Services under the scheme will be progressively rolled out by industry from 2012, covering metropolitan, regional and remote areas of South Australia by the end of 2013, so there is no excuse for dumping your e-waste illegally.”

Residents are encouraged to hang on to their unwanted electrical goods over the Christmas and New year break and check their local council for rates and fees relating to e-waste or to visit the Zero Waste SA website for more information.

For more information go to <http://www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au/e-waste/ongoing-e-waste-collections>