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MEDIA RELEASE

Last rubbishes government's Burdekin efforts

Member for Burdekin, Dale Last, has accused the Queensland Government of ignoring the environment in the Burdekin district ahead of the implementation of Queensland's Container Refund Scheme on November 1st.

With just over 2 weeks until the scheme launches, residents of the Burdekin are yet to be made aware of a local recycling point.

"We're all being encourage to do our part for the environment but, yet again, this government is not delivering for the people of the Burdekin," Mr Last said.

"It's starting to look like another case of the State Government focussing on the big cities and forgetting regional towns."

The scheme will allow Queenslander's to receive a refund by returning eligible containers to refund points but the Burdekin district is without a refund point in the lead up to the scheme getting under way.

"It sounds like a great way for us all to do our bit to protect the environment," Mr Last said. "But towns like Ayr and Home Hill are being ignored by this government that sees regional towns as a thorn in their side."

"The LNP supported this scheme but as time goes by it looks like it's nothing more than another attempt to win green votes in Brisbane."

"Milk containers and wine bottles aren't eligible but people aren't being told that." "There's restrictions that aren't really being communicated so I'm worried that that it's more about PR than the environment."

"I especially supported the option to contribute your refund to a community group or charity but it looks like that won't be available here in the Burdekin either."

"Hopefully there are community groups in the Burdekin that will stand up and operate a collection point because it looks like the government has abandoned us yet again."

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