

MEDIA STATEMENT



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Residents urged to recycle old mobile phones

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To help Landcare Australia plant more trees and to celebrate World Environment Day on June 5. Carine MLA Tony Krsticevic has joined MobileMuster's **Old phones, more trees** campaign where a tree will be planted for every kilogram of old mobile phones, batteries chargers and accessories recycled.

MobileMuster and Landcare Australia started the **Old phones, more trees** campaign in 2007 and since then have planted over 200,000 trees across Australia.

Mr Krsticevic is calling on local residents to help by recycling old mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories.

On average, Australians are likely to upgrade their mobile phones every 18 -25 months, meaning thousands of old or unused handsets, batteries and chargers are cluttering drawers and cupboards at home or the office – an estimated 16million!

Mr Krsticevic's office is a MobileMuster drop off point, making mobile phone recycling easy for all residents.

"I encourage residents to round up all their old mobile phones, batteries, chargers and accessories as part of their annual clean out and hand them in for recycling," Mr Krsticevic said.

"With over 90 percent of the plastics and metals in your old mobiles being recoverable, residents will be helping the environment by returning essential metals and plastics for reuse, in turn avoiding future greenhouse gas emissions and reducing our demand on natural resources.

"It is important residents don't throw mobile phones in the rubbish, where heavy metals like cadmium and lead can end up in landfill."

To drop off mobile phones and accessories, please visit Tony's office at Suite 6, Carine Glades Shopping Centre, 6 Davallia Road Duncraig. Alternatively, call Lisa-Marie on 9246 1800.

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