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SITA charges up battery recycling

SITA Environmental Solutions is again demonstrating leadership in the provision of environmental services with the launch of its Battery Recycling program in the ACT.

Over 8,000 tonnes of batteries end up in Australian landfills each year and SITA is encouraging all Canberrans to think about how they use, and dispose, of spent batteries.

Canberra's Novotel hotel has already signed up to the battery recycling program.

Mr Wayne Greenwood, General Manager, Novotel Canberra said "The Novotel is constantly looking for ways to improve its environmental footprint. By providing a battery recycling service to staff and guests we are one step closer to having a positive impact on our environment".

Mike Ritchie, General Manager, Marketing and Communications said "Both single-use and rechargeable batteries, which are found in many day-to-day items, contain toxic metals including cadmium, mercury and lead which may be harmful to people and the environment. If not disposed of responsibly they will end up in landfill."

"The Nickel-cadmium, Nickel Metal Hydride and Lithium-ion in rechargeable batteries can all be recycled. They make a sound environmental alternative to single-use batteries and can be used up to 1000 times, making them a very cost-effective solution", Mr Ritchie said.

"By recovering precious metals such as silver, iron and mercury from used batteries we are protecting the environment and recovering limited resources."

An added bonus of this program is the box that the batteries are collected in will also be recycled.

SITA is an associate member of the Australasian Battery Recycling Initiative (ABRI).

The new Battery Recycling program is available in Canberra on June 30. To order your battery recycling box contact SITA on 13 13 35.

SITA Environmental Solutions, a SUEZ Environment subsidiary, provides weekly services to over 43,000 commercial and industrial clients and more than 800,000 households across Australia

SITA's services include domestic, commercial & industrial waste collection; waste assessments; resource recovery and recycling options; processing of organic materials into compost; renewable energy facilities; hygiene services; waste treatment; and product destruction.

More information on SITA's services can be obtained by calling 13 13 35 or visit www.sita.com.au

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