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# **MEDIA RELEASE**

## **PM'S XI HITS WASTE FOR SIX**

Manuka Oval will become more environmentally friendly starting at tomorrow's Prime Minister's XI, Minister for the Environment, Climate Change and Water, Simon Corbell announced today while launching a new recycling program.

"I am pleased today to announce the ACT Government's business recycling program. This program will go a long way to help us reach the goal of recycling at least 50% of the waste produced at tomorrow's match," Mr Corbell said.

"The PM's XI match in 2009 produced more than 18,000 litres in waste with most heading straight to landfill. This new strategy will potentially save 9,000 litres of rubbish from going into landfill."

"The PM's XI is one of the marquee events in the ACT sporting calendar and attracts thousands of people each year, so it is a great platform to show how committed both Manuka Oval and all those attending this match are to recycling," Mr Corbell said.

The program will see 60 general waste bins and 60 recycling bins with yellow lids installed around the ground that will be clearly sign posted to allow patrons to distinguish what is and isn't recyclable. The recycling waste will be transported to an ACT recycling facility, while the general waste will be taken to landfill.

"This is a great step forward for the ACT because last year all of the waste was taken to landfill," Mr Corbell said.

The oval management, Territory Venues and Events, has been working with the Department of the Environment, Climate Change, Energy and Water to establish the recycling system. A similar system has been set up at Canberra Stadium.

Mr Corbell was joined at today's launch by ACT Comet's fast bowler Ben Oakley, who has been chosen to play for this year's PM's XI in tomorrow's match against the West Indies, and representatives of the Packaging Stewardship Forum, which has given Manuka Oval more than \$15,000 to put in place recycling infrastructure.

"The new recycling systems now in place at Manuka Oval and Canberra Stadium will reap rewards both tomorrow at the match and will go a long way to create a cultural change on recycling practices which will continue well into the future," Mr Corbell said.

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Since the Government's office and business recycling programs were launched in August 2009, a total of 116 organisations have signed up.

Of those organisations that have since progressed to accreditation, data shows that they have each reduced the amount of waste sent to landfill by at least 50%.

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