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FRIDGE BUYBACK SAVES RESIDENTS ON POWER BILLS

The Fridge Buyback Scheme, which has collectively saved Camden Council residents over \$150,000 on their power bills, is back and available for Camden residents to access.

Over the seven years the scheme has been running, 503 fridges have been collected, degassed and recycled in the Camden Local Government Area through this program.

Mayor of Camden, Cr Lara Symkowiak said this is a fantastic initiative that not only helps the environment, but also saves money for residents.

“Old fridges and freezers can cost residents around \$300 a year to run. This program is a great way for residents to reduce greenhouse gas and save on power bills.”

“Since Council has supported the program, Camden residents have saved 4,024 tonnes of greenhouse gas. This is a great result and with more residents participating in the scheme, we can further increase this number.” Cr Symkowiak said.

The Fridge Buyback Collection:

- A \$15 rebate is paid for collection from homes with six steps or less
- Collection is free, using professional removalists (but no rebate is paid), where collection involves between seven to 20 steps
- A fee will apply only if the property has more than 20 steps
- Fridges or upright freezers must be a working second appliance that has been in regular use and is 200 litres (7.06 cubic feet) or more in size
- There are regular collection runs every few weeks

It is estimated that there are more than 5,600 second fridges in the Camden Local Government Area. Residents could enjoy a combined saving of more than \$1.8 million annually if they no longer operated a second household fridge.

To find out more phone 1800 708 401 or visit www.fridgebuyback.com.au

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