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Green solutions return gold for government

The ACT Government is leading the way in the disposal of used ICT equipment. In the last five years almost \$3M has been returned to the ACT Government —AND—100% of all excess and superceded ICT equipment has been saved from landfill.

These results come via Reuse-RecycleIT (RRIT), an arm of successful Canberra-based finance and leasing company, Capital Easy, who have worked quietly behind the scenes of each and every ACT Government ICT upgrade to ensure outdated equipment is saved from indiscriminate disposal. Not only does this save the environment from issues of landfill and leachate, it means that superseded equipment is given a new lease on life—sold on or responsibly recycled.

RRIT is expert in identifying secondary reuse within our local, national and global community via a wide and detailed network of buyers, including international aid agencies and businesses. Such re-useable equipment is a sought after commodity in limited resource markets and developing countries.

Under the contract, equipment disposal from ACT Government and Territory Schools is mandated for e-waste to adhere to an International Environmental Management System AS/NZS ISO 14001:2004. RRIT is ISO 14001 certified. Additionally RRIT's unique Buyers' Declaration ensures strict adherence to a number of national and international conventions which address environment, fair labour and sustainability requirements.

RRIT ensures that all client equipment be processed in accordance to Government standards. The assets are sanitised of data and ownership identification in accordance with the Australian Government Information Security Manual (ISM) standards. All assets are then only acquired by ethical endorsed buyer organisations.

The services provided by RRIT to the Territory have also been employed by the Australian Government and a number of other organisations over the past 16 years to help realise the residual value of equipment and lessen the load on the environment—saving our planet from yet another mound of discarded keyboards and monitors. In addition to the Territory, RRIT clients include the Australian Departments of Finance and Human Services, ANAO, CSIRO, AusTrade, AirServices, Fujitsu, Telstra, Westpac, Woolworths, Sharp Corporation, ACTEW, The Australian National University, The University of Canberra, and Victorian Government Schools.

It's a happy thought, as the ACT machine of government keeps pace with ICT change, that loss and landfill are avoidable by-products. Indeed, RRIT's sustainable and green solutions also turn out to be gold in the bank for our Territory.

ABOUT CAPTIAL EASY AND REUSE-RECYCLEIT

Capital Easy is a Canberra-based vendor-independent leasing specialist, working with clients to develop innovative and flexible leasing programs for the acquisition of IT and other business equipment across a range of industries. Due to demand and opportunity, Reuse-RecycleIT has grown as a business in its own right under the Capital Easy umbrella, working with companies, governments and agencies to deliver sustainable solutions for excess-to-requirements ICT equipment.

We have recently moved from our original offices in Deakin and can now be found at: Quayside, Ground Floor G05, 50 Eastlake Parade, Kingston ACT 2604

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