

# Environmental Responsibility



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## Computer Recycling Programme

BarNet is delighted to announce its new computer recycling programme which combines security with environmental and social responsibility. The programme is open to all BarNet Users and all financial members of the Australian Bar Association or an Australian State Bar Association.

Since 2000, BarNet has operated as a not-for-profit entity supporting Australian barristers and their staff, regardless of location.

This programme is one of a number of initiatives being pursued by BarNet to improve its environmental performance. Other initiatives include using energy-efficient servers and energy efficient data centres and using RoHS and WEEE compliant thin-clients.

Computing equipment contains many heavy metals, organic compounds, and other pollutants which are best diverted from landfill. In the European Union and many States of the United States, the original manufacturer is required to provide for the safe disposal of a computer at the end of its life. Consumers are required to pay for the disposal costs of their equipment at the time of purchase. This requirement does not yet exist in Australia.

All “Donors” may send their computer (or electronic device, such as monitor or printer) to BarNet for re-use or recycling in accordance with the following protocol. However, given storage limitations, Donors must check with BarNet *before* delivering computers to it.

For BarNet Users based in Sydney, Melbourne, or Brisbane, BarNet will arrange the cost of collection from the Donor. In all other cases, the Donor must deliver the computer to the address specified by BarNet upon inquiry.

In providing the equipment, the Donor warrants that he or she is the owner of that equipment and it is not the subject of any encumbrance or claim by any creditor.

For convenience, title to the Donor equipment passes to BarNet upon receipt from the Donor.

For all *accepted* Donor equipment:

1. BarNet will check whether the device starts up or appears to be working.
2. In the case of a computer, in any event, BarNet will remove the hard disk(s) from the computer and return it to the Donor.
3. In the case of a computer which started up before the removal of the hard disks, assuming that the computer supports a disk connector which is commercially available at the time of donation, BarNet will then install a hard disk at no cost to the Donor which is capable of supporting an operating system and storage space.
4. If the computer does not start up, BarNet will endeavour to find an appropriate recycling service and deposit the computer with that service. Any money received by BarNet from the deposit will be donated to a selected charity.
5. If the computer starts up, after replacing the hard disk, BarNet will donate the computer to a selected charity for use by it in designated services. BarNet invites Donors to recommend appropriate social or educational institutions requiring computers.
6. As a last resort, if BarNet is unable to find an appropriate recycling service or charity, BarNet *may* return the equipment (in the case of a computer (without a hard disk)) to the Donor and the Donor agrees to accept the equipment from BarNet.
7. For operational or commercial reasons, BarNet may restrict the scope of this programme to particular types of equipment, revise its terms, or terminate it without notice.