



# NORTHERN TERRITORY GOVERNMENT MEDIA RELEASE

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## **DR PETER TOYNE MLA Minister for Justice**

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### **DEAR CUPID, DON'T BE LEFT FEELING STUPID**

Valentine's Day romantics are urged to check details on gift vouchers they may purchase for their Valentine on February 14.

Gift vouchers remain a popular choice among Valentine's participants but can leave the recipient feeling let down by Cupid when the voucher is presented at the store.

"Gift vouchers should include an expiry date, clearly state the full value of the voucher and should also advise consumers the voucher can not be exchanged for cash," Justice Minister Dr Peter Toyne said.

"Often, a voucher will have an expiry date giving the recipient around three or six months to use the voucher.

"I encourage Territorians to check the details on any vouchers they may purchase to avoid disappointment."

The Minister said the Office of Consumer Affairs was available to provide advice on lay-bys, gift vouchers and all consumer matters.

The office operates seven days a week on 8999 1999 or toll free 1800 019 319.

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