



## Media Release

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#### **Informed consumers are Cool Consumers**

Consumer Affairs Commissioner Richard O'Sullivan has released the latest tool to help young Territorians with their consumer decisions.

The Cool Consumer is an NTG publication produced by the Office of Consumer Affairs.

"It is aimed at young consumers who are some of our most vulnerable," Mr O'Sullivan said. "Issues such as credit card contracts and charges, using mobile phones, moving out of home for the first time and buying a used car are all featured in this edition of The Cool Consumer.

"Report after report has shown that increasingly young people are running into debt difficulties and with the holiday season upon us, it's important to reinforce some of the basic consumer advice we all take for granted."

Mr O'Sullivan said the complex topic of tenancy is especially relevant at a time when many young Territorians who have finished school and are moving into the workforce, would be considering moving out of their parents' homes.

"Tenancy leases, security bonds, share accommodation, repairs on rental properties – these are all important considerations and not immediately thought of by a young person excited to be getting their own digs," he said.

"The Cool Consumer gives a general rundown on such issues and provides website and toll free number information to find out more. It's a handy publication and worth a look by young Territorians."

The Cool Consumer is distributed throughout schools and can be also picked up from community libraries, youth organisation or from Consumer Affairs free call 1800 019 319.

**Note: you can view the newsletter on [www.caba.nt.gov.au](http://www.caba.nt.gov.au) click on youth**

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