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NEW FACILITY TO PROCESS INCREASING KERBSIDE RECYCLING

A new facility at Wingfield-based waste management company Integrated Waste Services, which will divert more than 60,000 tonnes of green organics, timber and recyclable waste from landfill each year, was launched today by Environment and Conservation Minister, Gail Gago.

“Projects such as this are working towards meeting the state government’s sustainability agenda which calls for a reduction in waste to landfill by 25% in 2014,” Minister Gago says.

“Diverting green organics from landfill is also essential to meeting our greenhouse initiatives, and Australian Greenhouse Office figures state that nationally, the methane generated from landfill sites accounts for 89% of total methane emissions from the waste sector.

“And its benefits go even further, because less waste going to less landfill means less trucks on our roads – it’s an environmental multiplier effect,” Minister Gago said.

“The new centre will be invaluable in processing recyclable paper and cardboard, glass, plastic, metal and aluminium collected from 11 metropolitan councils.

“It’s opening is timely, as kerbside recycling has increased considerably as a result of this government’s incentives to local councils,” Minister Gago said.

“The new facility has been partly funded with a \$95,000 grant from the state government’s Reuse and Recycling Infrastructure Grant scheme.

“Green organic material, including, weeds, grass cuttings, branches, flowers and leaves, as well as clean timber pallets, will go to the adjoining Jeffries Group for composting. The compost is used in commercial market gardens and vineyards as well as in backyard gardens.

“Dirty timber pallets go to Alternative Fuel Company to be prepared for use as fuel at Adelaide Brighton Cement – this alternative fuel replaces natural gas at its Birkenhead plant and further reduces the amount of waste going to landfill.

“This new IWS facility is a valuable addition to the growing resource recovery industry in South Australia, and will help this government to see its commitment to the environment put into place,” Minister Gago said.

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