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\$2M IN GRANTS TO REDUCE WASTE GOING TO LANDFILL

More than \$2 million in State Government funding is available for infrastructure projects that recover materials for reprocessing and reduce waste going to landfill.

Environment and Conservation Minister, Gail Gago said applications were now being called for the Regional Implementation Program, the Metropolitan Reuse and Recycling Infrastructure Program and the Social Enterprise Program.

“The three funding programs target metropolitan and regional businesses, councils and community-based organisations,” Minister Gago said.

“This funding can be used for projects ranging from large-scale commercial sorting and processing facilities for recyclables and organics to small reuse and repair projects in community-based organisations.

“For example, in regional areas eligible projects include balers and other compacting equipment for the processing of recyclables and the setting-up or upgrading of collection and sales centres for the recovery and reuse of discarded materials.

“We need investment in reuse and recycling infrastructure to achieve South Australia’s Strategic Plan target of reducing waste to landfill by 25% by 2014,” Minister Gago said.

Some projects previously funded under this scheme include:

- Plastics Granulating Services (\$250,000) for a consumer and industrial waste plastic capacity upgrade;
- LF Jeffries Nominees Pty Ltd (\$240,000) for kerbside organics pre-treatment to reduce contamination found in kerbside garden organic material;
- Alternative Fuel Company Pty Ltd at Wingfield (\$250,000) for a secondary shredder to help process construction/demolition waste and commercial/industrial waste so it can be used as an alternative fuel;
- Copper Coast Recycling at Moonta (**\$128,968**) for expansion of the existing materials recovery facility;
- District Council of Streaky Bay (**\$86,000**) for a joint recycling venture for Streaky Bay;
- District Council of Mount Barker (**\$76,617**) for the Windmill Hill Resource Recovery Centre;
- District Council of Mallala (**\$66,807**) for a resource recovery centre and landfill site redevelopment project;

“Our funding programs have been effective across three fronts – increasing local capacity for recycling, diverting waste from landfill and encouraging significant private sector investment in recycling infrastructure,” said the Minister.

“Since 2003, there’s been a decrease in waste to landfill of nearly 10.7% and our overall recycling performance improves every year.

“The latest figures show that South Australians recycle 70% of their waste – that’s 2.6 million tonnes of material that’s not going to landfill,” Minister Gago said.

Details of the funding programs are available from Zero Waste SA at www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au.

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