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## **SA COMPANIES WIN FUNDS FOR RECYCLING**

Up to 3800 large truckloads of recyclable rubbish will be diverted from landfill in Adelaide with three South Australian companies winning a total of \$672,500 in funding from the State Government to improve their recycling facilities.

Environment and Conservation Minister John Hill today announced the successful applicants for the Zero Waste SA grants for industry recycling.

Advanced Plastic Recycling and Jeffries will both receive \$250,000 and Lucas Earthmovers \$172,500 through the Zero Waste grant scheme.

“I’m pleased the Government is able to provide this money to help these industries develop and build upon the recycling systems they already have in place,” Minister Hill said.

“This funding will effectively mean that 38,000 tonnes of waste will be recycled, instead of contributing to huge landfills in this state.

“That is great news for the environment. Landfills are a significant cause of greenhouse gas emissions which lead to global warming. We want to change people’s practices and encourage people to recycle rather than continue dumping at landfills.

“This funding is aimed at helping industry to install infrastructure and systems to recycle waste.”

The Zero Waste SA recycling infrastructure grants scheme is designed to deliver significant diversion of waste from landfill by providing financial assistance for equipment purchases to commercial recyclers of construction and demolition, organics and plastic waste.

Advanced Plastic Recycling plans to spend the funds on new equipment to double the company’s capacity to process mixed plastic waste into recycled plastic products such as posts, bollards and garden stakes.

Jeffries will use the funding to build a specialised processing plant for organic material to reduce the amount of food going to landfill.

Lucas Earthmovers plans to purchase a large power screen to help the sorting of construction and demolition waste. The screen would replace inefficient manual separation of waste.

Zero Waste SA will offer a total of \$1.4 million over three years for the grant scheme.

Minister Hill said Zero Waste was working towards a dramatic reduction of the amount of recyclable material going to landfill.

“This will also help to meet the South Australia’s Strategic Plan target of reducing waste to landfill by 25% within 10 years,” he said.