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## **INDUSTRY ENCOURAGED TO WASTE NOT WANT NOT**

The State Government will provide \$1.4 million over the next three years to help industry better tackle its waste, Environment and Conservation Minister John Hill says.

The funding will be offered through Zero Waste SA, the Government body set up this year to develop and promote recycling in SA.

“The aim of the funding is to help recyclers develop infrastructure for organic waste composting, construction and demolition waste recycling, and plastics recycling as these materials are the largest contributors of waste to landfill in South Australia,” Minister Hill said.

“The funding could help to purchase equipment to help with processing of these materials, or it could be used for the production of new recycled products.”

Recycling infrastructure for these materials is required as councils continue to improve their kerbside collection of waste, increasing the amounts of garden organics and plastic.

“Zero Waste SA is ensuring that there is sufficient private sector infrastructure to process these recyclables into marketable products in South Australia,” Minister Hill said.

Half of all domestic waste consists of garden organic material. Compost produced from this material is used to improve South Australia’s poor soils.

Construction and demolition material provides about 38 per cent of all waste going to landfill with urban regeneration a major contributor to this waste stream.

Some of that material is recycled, and large quantities are being used as a road base for the Port River Expressway construction.

“While we are recycling more and more materials, there is a great deal we can still do,” Minister Hill said.

A funding guideline is available on the Zero Waste SA website: [www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au](http://www.zerowaste.sa.gov.au)