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\$1.1M TO BOLSTER SA RECYCLING EFFORT

The Rann Government is further investing in efforts to further cut waste going to landfill with today's announcement of five major grants totalling \$1.1 million to support the work of five South Australian organisations.

Minister for Environment and Conservation Gail Gago says the projects will help divert 100,000 tonnes of recyclable waste from landfill - including garden organics, glass, electronic waste and material from household and commercial recycling collections.

"Every step we take to increase the recovery of waste and divert it from landfill reduces the environmental impacts of harmful green house gases," says Minister Gago.

"A \$300,000 grant has been awarded to Integrated Waste Services (Wingfield) to establish state-of-the-art recovery and sorting equipment for commercial and industrial waste currently destined for landfill.

"It will allow them to divert 75,000 tonnes from landfill each year.

"A \$205,500 grant has been provided to Visy Recycling to upgrade equipment used in its three metropolitan Adelaide material recovery facilities to separate glass from kerbside collected recyclables.

"Glass is the largest source of recyclable waste processed at the Visy facilities. The grant will assist Visy to recover 19,000 tonnes of glass waste from the three sites every year.

"A further \$300,000 provided to Peats Soils (Brinkely) will help purchase equipment to remove contamination such as metals and plastics from organic waste, improve sorting and production efficiencies.

"Highly-contaminated composts or mulches are un-saleable to any landscape or agricultural market and is sent to landfill.

"A grant of \$175,000 has been awarded to SA Waste Management to improve resource recovery infrastructure at its transfer station which will result in an increased diversion from landfill by 3,000 tonnes per annum and dramatically improve processing efficiency.

"Another \$137,000 will support Anglicare's work building a reuse and recycling facility at Main South Road, St Mary's and reuse infrastructure at Elizabeth West.

"This outstanding community project will divert a minimum of 600 tonnes of e-waste from landfill for reuse and recycling and increase sales and donations of reused electronic products."

The Visy and Integrated Waste Services projects include funding of \$252,500 from the National Packaging Covenant. Zero Waste SA is offering a total of \$1.78 million over three years of the grant scheme.