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FUNDING TO GET SMART ON MANAGING PROBLEM WASTE

Nineteen NSW organisations have won grants to develop innovative ways to manage problem waste such as mattresses, plastics and nappies.

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said the 19 organisations would share in \$6.9 million from the *Innovation in Priority Problem Wastes Management* grants program.

Mr Speakman said there were two streams of funding under the program.

“The first stream is to develop creative solutions to managing problem waste, while the second stream is to develop new markets for recycling problem waste,” Mr Speakman said.

“Each project aimed to change a problem waste into a productive resource, either through a new recycling method or through the development of new recycling markets.

“Problem waste is defined as everyday items such as mattresses, plastics, treated timbers, tyres, rubber and nappies, that require specialised recycling methods.”

The Environmental Trust grants program, which was developed to encourage solutions to manage everyday problem wastes, is part of the NSW Government’s five year \$465.7 million *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative.

The *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative aims to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, by increasing recycling, reducing illegal dumping and litter and tackling problem wastes.

For further information about the *Innovation in Priority Problem Wastes Management* grants program and the 20 grants awarded funding, go to:

www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ProblemWaste.htm