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NSW'S WORST SPORTING FIELDS TO BE REVITALISED WITH ORGANIC WASTE

Some of the state's worst sporting fields will be revitalised with compost made from organic and garden waste under an exciting new recycling initiative.

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said the initiative was part of the Organic Markets Development Grants Program, which was designed to expand the market for recycled organics in NSW.

"Environmental consultancy AgEnviro Solutions was awarded \$350,000 to revitalise NSW's worst performing sporting fields. It has already completed work on a number of display fields, including John Dwyer Oval at Caringbah," Mr Speakman said.

"In partnership with the NSW Football Association, AgEnviro Solutions will also provide technical advice to sporting field managers to maximise turf conditions using compost.

"With a steady increase in the amount of food and garden waste being collected through kerbside 'green bin' collections, 150 of the worst performing soccer fields in NSW will benefit from the recycled organic material collected from NSW households.

"This is just one of 13 projects in the Organic Markets Development Grants Program with grant recipients sharing almost \$2,350,000."

The Organics Market Development Grants Program offered councils, businesses, government and community groups the opportunity to apply for funding of up to \$500,000 for any project that promotes or develops recycled organics.

The Organics Market Development Grants Program is part of the NSW Government's *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative, which is a four-year \$465.7 million package to transform waste and recycling in NSW, administered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

Further information about the Organics Market Development Grants Program and summaries of all 13 projects are available on the NSW EPA website:

www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/organics-market.htm