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NEW COMMUNITY RECYCLING CENTRE OPENS IN LIVERPOOL

Environment Minister Rob Stokes today opened a new Community Recycling Centre (CRC) in Liverpool which aims to make it easier and safer for residents to dispose of their problem waste.

Funded by a \$250,000 grant from the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) as part of the NSW Government's *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative, Minister Stokes was joined at the opening by Liverpool City mayor Ned Mannoun and MP for Menai Melanie Gibbons.

"This recycling centre will be a great asset to Liverpool with residents now able to freely and easily dispose of household problem waste that cannot be placed in any of the household bins," Rob Stokes said.

"This includes water-based and oil paints, gas cylinders, fluorescent lamps, batteries and used motor and cooking oils.

"The centre will be open 6 days a week and will complement the existing Chemical CleanOut events that are run throughout the year.

"By making it easier for people to do the right thing and dispose of their waste safely and correctly we are not only helping to reduce the incidence of illegal dumping and waste to landfill but we are also protecting our environment and the health of our communities," Mr Stokes said.

"I congratulate Liverpool Council on achieving this grant and encourage all residents to take advantage of this fantastic new waste facility," Ms Gibbons said.

The new centre will work to complement the Liverpool community's strong recycling record."

"This is an excellent facility for our community to utilise and I thank the NSW Government for providing the grant," Mayor Mannoun said.

"Recycling is a vital component of council's waste management strategy and by using this facility residents are helping divert waste from landfill and other conventional waste facilities."

Located at Liverpool Council's Rose Street Operations Depot, the Community Recycling Centre will be open between 8am and 3pm and will take all problem household waste including:

- water-based and oil-based paints
- used motor and cooking oils
- lead-acid and hand-held batteries
- gas cylinders and fire extinguishers
- conventional tube and compact fluorescent lamps
- smoke detectors
- polystyrene, and
- televisions and computers

Mr Stokes said the Liverpool CRC was funded from a \$70 million grants program that will be provided over the next four years to improve systems for managing household problem waste.

“The NSW Government is committed to increasing recycling and reuse practices in order to reduce waste going to landfill. This is why we have committed \$465.7 million to the *Waste Less, Recycle More* grants program.

“Community Recycling Centres are one example of the great projects that can be funded by these grants and I encourage all councils in NSW to take advantage of the WLRM program and apply for grants to enhance their waste services and infrastructure and help to reduce litter and illegal dumping.”

For more information about the \$465.7 million *Waste Less, Recycle More* program visit: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/wasteless.htm>