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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **COMPOST BINS TO TACKLE FOOD WASTE**

Environment Minister Rob Stokes and Coogee MP Bruce Notley-Smith today announced almost \$1 million grant to help more than 1 million Sydneysiders from Botany to Bankstown reduce food waste.

Mr Stokes said the grant to the Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils will support the *ROCovering Organics Project* to provide subsidised compost bins, worm farms and online information on waste reduction.

The 13 Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils participating in the project include Ashfield, Burwood, Botany, Bankstown, Canterbury, Canada Bay, Kogarah, Hurstville, Leichhardt, Rockdale, Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra.

“The three-year project will be delivered to the doors of thousands of homes across the participating councils, and aims to reduce organic content of participants’ red bins by 47 per cent,” Mr Stokes said.

“The project will help get rid of food waste using worm farms and compost bins, while people can access information using online resource [compostrevolution.com.au](http://compostrevolution.com.au) and community workshops.”

Mr Notley-Smith said the project would help people put organic waste to good use for the benefit of the environment and the community.

“This initiative will help the public reduce the amount of waste that goes into their bins every week, and protect the environment at the same time,” he said.

“I am delighted that this project will be made available to the people of Coogee.”

SSROC Resource Recovery and Waste Regional Strategic Coordinator Rebecca Grinter said the project would benefit both the environment and the community.

“This project means less space is needed for landfill and fewer greenhouse gas emissions are generated,” Ms Grinter said.

The grant was awarded through the NSW Government’s five year \$465.7 million Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, aimed to transform waste and recycling in NSW.