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$2.3 MILLION FOR COUNCIL ANTI-LITTERING PROJECTS

Environment Minister Rob Stokes today announced $2.3 million for local action on littering hot spots across the state, from the stock routes of the Central West to the pavements of Manly.

The Minister said the $2.3 million Litter Prevention grants would fund 31 projects involving 43 Councils.

“NSW Government recognises that communities are sick and tired of litter in their streets, parks and waterways,” Mr Stokes said.

“Litter prevention and clean-up costs local communities across Australia hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

The Litter Prevention Grants Program will support a range of unique litter prevention actions tailored to local communities, including:

- $45,521 to the Central West Local Government Alliance to install surveillance cameras and litter education signs along travelling stock routes
- $90,000 to Manly Council to tackle chewing gum litter on the streets with new cleaning equipment and innovative education tools
- $25,000 to Muswellbrook Shire Council to target cigarette butts and take away litter thrown from cars by people on their way to work

Minister Stokes said that across NSW, these projects will see new bins installed, innovative education strategies rolled out and a boost to compliance activity to deter litterers and enforce penalties.

“It all adds up to the very strong message that as a community we don’t tolerate littering and if you do it, you will be caught,” Mr Stokes said.

The $20 million Litter Prevention Program is one of several initiatives under the NSW Government’s $465.7 million Waste Less, Recycle More to transform waste and recycling in NSW. It also includes funding for community litter prevention grants, currently available through Keep NSW Beautiful.

For more information, visit www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/WasteLess.htm