



# Rob Stokes MP

Minister for the Environment  
Minister for Heritage  
Minister for the Central Coast  
Assistant Minister for Planning

---

## MEDIA RELEASE

---

Tuesday 2 December 2014

### **\$5 MILLION TO HELP RECYCLE WASTE INTO FUEL**

Environment Minister Rob Stokes and Member for Smithfield Andrew Rohan today announced a \$5 million investment by the NSW Government to produce Refuse Derived Fuel at Eastern Creek.

Mr Stokes said the exciting alternative energy initiative would shred, compact and decontaminate otherwise non-recyclable rubbish items. The fuel is suitable for purpose-built facilities, such as electricity generators, which operate overseas and are expected to come online domestically in coming years.

“Converting waste into an alternative fuel diverts usable materials from landfill, and creates a renewable energy alternative to fossil fuels,” Mr Stokes said.

“This project will increase this site’s recycling capacity by up to 40,000 tonnes a year and will help us reach our target to divert 75 per cent of waste from landfill by 2021.”

Mr Rohan, who will run in the new seat of Prospect at the 2015 election, said the project would provide multiple benefits to local residents.

“This new facility will create nine full-time jobs once up and running in 2016, on top of those jobs created during the project’s construction. This is a wonderful result for our community,” Mr Rohan said.

Member for Mulgoa Tanya Davies said the project showed the NSW Government was serious about recycling and diverting waste from landfill.

“I am very proud this project is being supported by the NSW Government and I’m delighted this funding has come to western Sydney,” Mrs Davies said.

Liberal candidate for Seven Hills Mark Taylor said the project would be an asset to the area and the whole of western Sydney.

“This is a triple-win for the community with a boost to recycling capacity, infrastructure and jobs, Mr Taylor said.

The second round in the Major Resource Recovery Infrastructure program is open for applications up to \$10 million until 2 December 2014.

For more information, visit: <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/WasteLess.htm>