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EPA SHARES THE LOAD WITH WASTE OPERATORS

Environment Minister Mark Speakman has announced that 12 licensed waste operators across NSW will share in more than \$725,000 as part of the first round of the NSW Environment Protection Authority's (EPA's) \$3 million Weighbridge Fund.

Grants of up to \$75,000 were available in round one for licensed waste operators to install weighbridges.

"As part of the NSW Government's waste reforms, from 1 February next year all licensed waste operators who are liable for the waste levy will need to have a weighbridge," Mr Speakman said.

"Weighbridges help waste operators to keep accurate records and reduce illegal dumping by improving the EPA's capacity to monitor movement of waste.

"The EPA is helping these 12 operators to install this infrastructure with grants for 50 per cent of the cost, up to \$75,000.

"We are committed to making sure that our regulations support legitimate waste operators," Mr Speakman said.

"The *Protection of the Environment Operations (Waste) Regulation 2014* introduced in November last year requires operators to keep track of the waste they receive and store.

"This regulation is an important step in combatting illegal and irresponsible operators, and helping those who do the right thing."

Successful applicants in Round One of the Weighbridge Fund were:

- Aussie Skips Strathfield South
- BioCoal Group, Somersby
- Budget Waste Control, Arndell Park
- Clean Valley Skip Bins, Port Stephens
- Economy Waste Waste Management Facility, West Gosford
- Enviro Recycling, Revesby
- High Quality Quarry, Kemps Creek
- Hunter Water Corporation, North Lambton
- Remondis Waste Treatment Facility, Awaba
- Remondis Waste Transfer Station, Picton
- Shoalhaven Recycling, Bomaderry
- St Marys Recycling Pty Ltd

The second round of the Weighbridge Fund is now open. Up to \$2.2 million in grant funding is available under the second round. Application forms and guidelines are available at www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/weighbridge.htm

Applications close on 21 August, 5.00 pm.

The Weighbridge Fund is part of the NSW Government's \$465.7 million *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative.