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### **ALMOST \$7 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR SMEs TO TRIM WASTE**

Environment Minister Mark Speakman today announced almost \$7 million in Bin Trim grants to help small-to-medium businesses increase recycling, reduce waste and lower costs.

The 26 grant recipients will use their money to fund more than 100 waste assessors who will provide advice to businesses on how to increase recycling and reduce costs as part of the NSW Government's flagship \$465.7 million *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative.

"This is the second round of the government's successful Bin Trim business grants program which provided more than 7,000 assessments to businesses across NSW in the first round," Mr Speakman said.

"The first round of assessments identified a potential 555 million litres of waste that could be diverted from landfill each year, which helped businesses save an average \$3,000 a year in waste disposal costs."

Bin Trim assessments provide businesses with an onsite analysis and a tailored Waste Reduction Action Plan, which includes practical and affordable options to increase recycling.

Bin Trim assessments can result in recommendations to increase recycling such as new signage to educate employees about correct waste disposal and separation practices through to new infrastructure, such as balers or crushers.

Businesses that receive a free Bin Trim assessment are eligible to apply for a share of the government's \$9.4 million Bin Trim rebate program to help cover up to 50 per cent of new recycling infrastructure costs. Businesses are eligible to apply for a rebate only if they undergo a Bin Trim assessment.

"An estimated 70% of waste that business sends to landfill could be recycled, including paper, plastics, cardboard, wood, glass and food waste," Mr Speakman said.

To find a Bin Trim assessor in your area visit: [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/bintrim](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/bintrim)