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WEIGHBRIDGE GRANTS WILL HELP PREVENT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Environment Minister Mark Speakman has announced that 12 licensed waste operators across NSW will share in more than \$544,000 as part of the NSW Government's Round 2 Weighbridge Fund, as Round 3 grants open for applications.

Grants of up to \$75,000 were available in Round 2 for licensed waste operators to install weighbridges. Another \$1.6 million in grants of up to \$75,000 is available in Round 3.

This brings the total NSW Government investment in the Weighbridge Fund, which is part of the government's \$465.7 million *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative, to almost \$3 million.

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

"Weighbridges will help operators keep track of the waste they receive and improve the Environment and Protection Authority's ability to monitor the movement and storage of waste across NSW, which ultimately helps address illegal dumping."

The NSW Government is helping these 12 operators install weighbridge infrastructure with grants of up to 50 per cent of the capital costs (up to \$75,000). Successful applicants in Round 2 are:

Awesome Rubber	St Marys	\$55,570
Benedict Recycling	Mayfield West	\$53,825
Blue Mountains Council	Springwood	\$59,070
BSV Tyre	Revesby	\$31,310
Dungog Shire Council	Dungog	\$65,080
Empire Bins	Banksmeadow	\$43,472
H. Hassarati & Co	Greenacre	\$59,235
Handybin Waste Services Pty Ltd	Coffs Harbour	\$33,950
McLennan Earthmoving	South Grafton	\$47,075
Phillips Skip Bins	Holroyd	\$37,151
Renew Rubber	Greenacre	\$24,464
Skipmaster	Ingleburn	\$34,730

For more information on Round 3 grants, which opened on 15 December, visit: epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/weighbridge.htm.

