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### **FUNDING TO HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE IN NSW**

Ten NSW organisations have been awarded a share of more than \$320,000 in grants to help reduce the huge amount of food that is wasted every year.

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said every year businesses and households in NSW throw away almost a million tonnes of food. This equates to about \$1,000 worth of food per household.

“The Round 3 Love Food Hate Waste grants will help people learn how to avoid wasting food by teaching them how to shop for, cook and store food in a sustainable way,” Mr Speakman said.

“This includes education about meal planning and portion sizing, safe and efficient food storage and recipes for using leftovers.

“By learning techniques to avoid wastage, we’re not only helping the environment but also our hip pocket.”

Grants include:

- \$69,794 to the Total Environment Centre to work with the Institute of Sustainable Futures, UTS to develop a toolkit for festival and market stall holders,
- \$60,516 to Hunter Councils to work on campus with Newcastle University students to reduce food waste,
- \$34,110 to North East Waste to expand its successful Love Food Hate Waste challenge to include 14 cooking workshops across seven local government areas
- \$21,953 to Lake Macquarie City Council for its Healthy Lunch Boxes Program to help parents make healthy, affordable and waste free lunches for kids.

The Round 3 Love Food Hate Waste grants are awarded by the Environmental Trust in partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority as part of the NSW Government’s \$465.7 million *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative.

For more information about the Love Food Hate Waste grants go to:

[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/foodavoid.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/foodavoid.htm)