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### **\$4.5 MILLION TO FURTHER MODERNISE WASTE AND RECYCLING IN NSW**

Environment Minister Mark Speakman has announced that a further nine waste facilities in NSW will receive grants to expand or upgrade recycling equipment to increase their ability to recover and process more recyclable materials.

The NSW Government funding, under the *Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Enhancement* grants program, is from the NSW Environmental Trust.

Mr Speakman said the \$4.5 million investment was just one of many improvements the Government was making to modernise waste and recycling infrastructure and to improve the capacity for resource recovery.

“We’ve set an ambitious target of diverting 75 per cent of waste from landfill by 2021.

“To achieve this, we are expanding kerbside collections to create a new network of community recycling centres and improve the infrastructure at waste facilities to enable them to recover more recyclable materials.

“The funding of these nine waste facilities in round two of the *Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Enhancement* grants program is in addition to the \$4.2 million awarded to eight waste facilities last year and is part of the government’s five year \$465.7 million *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative.”

The waste facilities awarded funding under round two of the program are: Australian Native Landscapes, Direct Group Industries, Grasshopper Environmental Services, NSW Glass Recyclers, Remondis Australia, Veolia Environmental Services (Australia) and Cessnock City, Lismore City and Wyong Shire Councils.

Information about the projects undertaken by each waste facility is available at:  
[www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/2015ResourceRecovery.htm](http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/2015ResourceRecovery.htm)

Further information about the NSW EPA’s *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative is available at: [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/wasteless.htm](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/waste/wasteless.htm)

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