



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Flying start to less waste

Westralia Airports Corporation, the operator of Perth Airport, has been awarded a \$53,000 grant to find out how much waste is being generated at the airport.

Belmont MLA Eric Ripper said the project involved a series of waste audits of operations at the Perth Airport estate.

“We are all striving to reduce our environmental footprint,” Mr Ripper said.

“That means thinking carefully and innovatively about what we dispose of and what can be reused.

“These audits will be conducted at the domestic and international terminal precincts, and at the operations of the commercial tenants/lessees who occupy land leased from the corporation.”

Westralia’s Dr Peter Cock said the project would gather data on waste that could be recovered or disposed of in a more environmentally-friendly manner.

“It will identify the types and volumes/tonnages of material currently being recycled or discarded, and the types and volumes/tonnages anticipated to be generated in the future.

“This will contribute to the development of a Zero Waste Plan for the airport.”

Environment and Climate Change Minister David Templeman said more than \$750,000 had been awarded to organisations around the State in the recent round of grants from the Strategic Waste Initiatives Scheme and the Community Grants Scheme.

“This is on top of the more than \$5million in waste reduction grants we distributed last year,” the Minister said.

“The Carpenter Government is acting now for the future by taking the levy collected for all waste dumped in urban landfills and using it to support waste reduction and recycling initiatives around the State”.

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