



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **Major boost for local recycling centre**

The Hazelmere Timber Recycling Centre has been awarded a \$297,025 grant to help turn waste wood into chipboard.

Midland MLA Michelle Roberts said the project was the first of its kind in Western Australia.

“As we strive to reduce our ecological footprint, we must think more carefully about what we use and how we can recycle more of what we use,” Mrs Roberts said.

“This exciting project is the kind of innovation that will help us confront the many challenges which are related to climate change.”

The East Metropolitan Regional Council’s market development officer, Geraldine Busby, said the project was designed to turn waste into a valuable resource.

“It will significantly reduce the amount of timber waste going into landfill and increase the opportunities for ‘end market’ use such as particleboard manufacture,” she said.

“Disposal of industrial timber waste to the centre also provides a more cost effective waste disposal option than landfill for industry.”

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 that 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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