



# MEDIA STATEMENT

**Mick Murray MLA**  
**Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the South West;**  
**Member for Collie-Wellington**

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## **Moving Towards Zero Waste at the Origins Centre.**

The Origins Centre has won a \$2,500 Government grant to implement a waste management project.

Mick Murray, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for the South West, said the project would increase the amount of recycling through the onsite sorting of waste.

“The funding will enable the Origins Centre to purchase six large recycling bins to separate waste on site, two compost bins and two worm farms for the processing of organic waste,” he said.

“An informative pamphlet will also be developed to inform patrons of waste disposal and signage erected to identify waste collection sites.”

Mr Murray said the implementation of the waste management project would enable community members and out-of-town patrons to develop a better understanding of waste management and how waste products could be reused.

The main site for the Origins Centre - a non profit community organisation committed to promoting individual welfare and peaceful communities - is at the Balingup Retreat Centre.

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 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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