



# MEDIA STATEMENT

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## **Winning over the laggards**

South East Regional Centre for Urban Landcare has been awarded a \$75,000 State Government grant for a waste management education program to win over sceptical business owners.

Kenwick MLA Sheila McHale said that engaging business owners who were often sceptical of the need for change was a big challenge.

“As we prepare to confront the challenges of climate change, it is crucial that we engage the business community,” Ms McHale said.

“It is vital that we impress upon business that adopting small changes to the way they operate has the potential to make significant differences to reducing waste.”

Natural Resource Management Officer Paul Lock said the project would target light industrial businesses that demonstrated poor awareness of environmental management practices, helping them to identify and manage waste management risks, hazards and opportunities.

“We have already visited more than 250 businesses and this funding will enable us to build on the terrific outcomes we they have already achieved in effecting change in small to medium enterprises.”

The findings of the project will be presented at the 2008 Waste and Recycle Conference in Fremantle.

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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