



# MEDIA STATEMENT

**Jim McGinty MLA**  
Member for Fremantle

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## **Sun setting Towards Zero Waste**

Sunset Events has won a State Government grant for recycling initiatives at the West Coast Blues n Roots Festival in Fremantle and the recent Southbound Festival in Busselton.

Fremantle MLA Jim McGinty said the \$74,190 grant would enable Sunset to build upon the exciting initiatives trialled at last years' festivals.

"Sunset is to be commended for making the events they organise truly sustainable and for their goal of raising individual's awareness of how much impact their actions and behaviours can have on the environment," Mr McGinty said.

Director David Chitty said Sunset had formulated a long-term strategy to ensure their events had minimal environmental impact.

"Undertaking independent waste audits and developing a strategic waste management plan for both events is just one part this overall strategy," he said.

Other initiatives to reduce waste at the festivals include patrons being able to redeem bags of recyclable cans or bottles for 'green money', providing visible and accessible recycling stations and requiring stall holders to serve all food and beverages in bio-degradable packaging.

All organic food and green waste at Southbound is mulched and blended on-site with cardboard waste, then transported to the Busselton Community Garden to be used as compost.

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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