



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

Waste & Recycle Workshop in Albany

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Albany residents are encouraged to take part in a local workshop about the future management of waste and the environment in their region.

The workshop, to be held on **Wednesday October 28, from 10.30am until 1.30pm**, will be run by the Waste Authority at the **Civic Rooms in North Road**. Local people are urged to drop in, ask questions and offer their feedback to Waste Authority Chair Barry Carbon.

“There are emerging issues relating to waste management in Albany and surrounding areas which will impact upon local people and businesses,” Barry said.

Barry was previously the longest serving chair of the Western Australian Environmental Protection Authority. He has also been in charge of government environmental agencies for the Commonwealth, Queensland and New Zealand, with significant experience in public sector organizations across Australia and overseas as well as many private sector companies including Woodside. He has also been a supervising scientist for many projects with the CSIRO and managed environmental affairs for Alcoa Australia.

Barry said local people and recycling organizations in Western Australia were already doing a great job in sorting, reprocessing and disposal of waste.

“Whilst our population has increased, the community is doing a good job in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill,” he said.

“However as our population grows and our standard of living increases, we will need to work even harder at being careful with the resources we consume. This is particularly relevant to larger regional centres such as Albany where we will need to focus on continued development of resource recovery infrastructure and technologies.”

The draft strategy provides a forward looking approach for coordinating the efforts of state and local government, the waste industry and other involved groups in delivering wise management of waste across the state. Local people are urged to provide feedback on the strategy and attend a local workshop. **Details about the workshops and other consultation activities are available on the website www.yoursaywastewa.com.au or you can email HaveYourSay@yoursaywastewa.com.au by December 10, 2009.**

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