



Waste Authority

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **The Future of Waste for Discussion in Belmont**

**6 October, 2009**

Local community members are invited to a workshop to discuss the future management of waste in the East Metropolitan Region, at the **Council Chambers, 226 Great Eastern Highway, Belmont, on Friday November 6, from 10.00am – 1.00pm.**

People are urged to register early for the free workshop, as seats are available on a first come first served basis.

Local people are urged to drop in and ask questions and offer their feedback to Waste Authority Member Carolyn Jakobsen. Ms Jakobsen is a postgraduate researcher at Murdoch University, Chair of the Woodman Point Waste Water Treatment Plant Community Reference Group and a member of the Swan River Trust.

A former Federal MP for Cowan, Ms Jakobsen is familiar with community attitudes on waste management and environmental management matters. She says the local workshops are an important part of the State's strategy in setting targets for waste reduction, resource recovery and the diversion of waste from landfill disposal.

"This workshop will enable all interested community members, business people and local government agency stakeholders in the area to share their views, as a crucial part of developing the State's Waste Strategy," Ms Jakobsen said.

She said that with population growth and increased standard of living, we are consuming more materials and producing more waste. Whilst praising the recycling efforts of Western Australians, Ms Jakobsen said everyone needed to do even better, especially with construction waste.

"Currently, 25 percent of WA's total waste is recycled, but there are significant challenges ahead.

The Draft Waste 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 the local workshop. Details about the workshops and other consultation activities are available on the website [www.yoursaywastewa.com.au](http://www.yoursaywastewa.com.au) or you can email [HaveYourSay@yoursaywastewa.com.au](mailto:HaveYourSay@yoursaywastewa.com.au) by December 10, 2009.

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