



Waste Authority

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Waste & Recycle Workshop in Bunbury

**13 October, 2009**

Bunbury 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 **Tuesday November 10, from 10.30am – 1.30pm**, will be run by the Waste Authority at the **City of Bunbury Function Centre, 4 Steven Street, in Bunbury**. Local people are urged to drop in, ask questions and offer their feedback to Waste Authority Member Paul Hardisty.

Professor Hardisty is Global Director Sustainability and Economics for Worley Parsons. He has had more than 20 years experience in the environmental field and waste management and is also a recognised expert in the investigation and remediation of contaminated sites and groundwater and the behavior of organic chemical wastes in the natural environment.

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

He said local people and recycling organizations in the region 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 Bunbury, 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](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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