



Waste Authority

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Waste & Recycling Trade Workshops in Cannington

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Waste and recycling trade and industry leaders in Cannington and surrounding suburbs are encouraged to take part in local workshops about the future management of waste in their area.

The first workshop, to be held on **Monday October 19, from 7.30am til 10.00am, will be run by the Waste Authority at the City of Canning Function Centre, 1317 Albany Highway, Cannington, (enter off George St).**

Local trade and industry people are urged to drop in and ask questions and offer their feedback to Waste Authority deputy chair Jan Grimoldby.

Jan 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.

A second forum for landfill operators will be held **on Tuesday October 20, at the City of Canning Function Centre, from 7.30am til 10.00am, hosted by Waste Authority Chair Barry Carbon.**

"There are emerging issues relating to waste management 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. He said the recently released Draft Waste Strategy has been prepared to plot a path for the management of waste over the coming decade.

"As our population grows and our standard of living increases, we consume more materials and produce more waste. Whilst the community and industry are doing a good job recycling and preventing excess waste going to landfill, there are many future challenges, including for people in the waste and recycling business."

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 trade and industry stakeholders are urged to provide feedback on the strategy and attend the local workshops. 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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