



Waste Authority

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Private Recycler Workshop in Floreat

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Those in the private recycling industry are encouraged to take part in a local workshop about the future management and disposal of waste.

The workshop, to be held on **Thursday October 22, from 7.30am til 10.00am**, will be run by the Waste Authority in the **Tamala Room at the Western Australian Ecology Centre, Bold Park, Perry Lakes Drive in Floreat.**

Private recycling business people are urged to drop in, 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 has had significant experience in 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.

"Whilst our population has increased, the community is doing a good job in limiting the amount of waste sent to landfill," she said.

Whilst praising the recycling efforts of Western Australians, Ms Jakobsen said currently 25 percent of WA's total waste is recycled.

"The environmental and social benefits of recycling are well established, and the waste industry, like all sections of the economy, is challenged by future carbon constraints and the current global economic downturn.

"We all need to do even better, especially with construction and commercial and industrial waste. WA's expanding population and continued economic growth can lead to more waste being generated. We need to find ways to reduce our waste and increase our recycling. These are challenges for the State, including recycling businesses across the metropolitan area."

The Draft Waste Strategy provides a forward looking approach for coordinating the efforts of state and local government, the waste industry and other groups involved in the wise management of waste across the state. Local recyclers 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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