



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

The Future of Waste & Recycling Workshop in Fremantle

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Local community members are invited to a workshop to discuss the future management of waste and recycling issues at the **Tradewinds Hotel, Canning Highway, Fremantle on October 30, 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.

Waste Authority Member Marcus Geisler said 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.

“This workshop will enable all interested community members and local government agency stakeholders in the area to share their views, as a crucial part of developing the State’s Waste Strategy,” Mr Geisler said.

Marcus Geisler has 21 years experience in the waste and recycling industry, 11 years of which were in The Netherlands, Germany and Belgium, at both operational and management level and three years in Melbourne with a private sector company developing national and state waste strategies.

He said whilst our population has increased, the community is doing a good job in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill. Whilst praising the recycling efforts of Western Australians, Mr Geisler said everyone needed to do even better, especially with construction waste.

“Currently, although 25 percent of WA’s total waste is recycled, there are challenges for the State, including recycling business 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 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 or you can email HaveYourSay@yoursaywastewa.com.au by December 10, 2009.

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