



Waste Authority

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Waste Strategy Workshop in Midwest Region

**13 October, 2009**

Midwest Region residents are encouraged to take part in a local workshop about the future management of waste and the environment in their area.

The workshop, to be held on Geraldton on **Wednesday November 4, from 11am until 2pm**, will be run by the Waste Authority at the **Utakurra Council Office, on the corner of Edward Road and Geraldton-Mt Magnet Road, in Utakurra**. Local people are urged to drop in, ask questions and offer their feedback to Waste Authority Deputy Chair Jan Grimoldby.

“There are emerging issues relating to waste management in Geraldton, Greenough and surrounding areas which will impact upon local people and businesses,” Ms Grimoldby said.

Ms Grimoldby said local people and recycling organizations in the region were already doing a great job in sorting, reprocessing and disposal of waste.

“The example of the Friends of the Swimming Pool’s recycling centre is a fantastic local initiative. This means recycled bore water can be used safely in the aquatic centre’s swimming pools.

“Whilst our population has increased, the community is doing a good job in reducing the amount of waste sent to landfill,” she 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 regions such as the Midwest, where we will need to focus on continued development of resource recovery infrastructure and technologies as mining, development and potentially the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) impact on our resources and waste generation.”

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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