



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

Chemical clean up coming to country WA

The WA Farmers Federation and WA Pastoralists and Graziers Association have lent their support to an application by Agsafe Limited that has been successful in obtaining a \$70 000 grant from the Waste Authority's Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS).

Western Australian farming communities and the environment will benefit from the grant, which will see the continuation of the highly successful ChemClear project that safely collects and destroys deregistered, scheduled, unknown and out of date agricultural and veterinary chemicals.

ChemClear has undertaken eleven state collections across Australia since the inception of the program in 2004. In May 2007, ChemClear undertook its first WA collection retrieving 17,488 litres of obsolete chemicals, including 10,654 litres of Group 2 chemicals.

Waste Authority Chairman, Mr Barry Carbon, said the ChemClear initiative is a great example of Extender Producer Responsibility.

"The program has been successfully operating across Australia for several years now and demonstrates what can be achieved when industry, government and communities work together to solve a waste problem," he said.



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“I commend ChemClear’s efforts and success, and invite other industry bodies to follow their lead.”

The chemicals will be decanted and processed at the Laverton Chemsal branch in Victoria, and all applicable plastic containers retrieved from the collection will be rinsed free of residue and recycled into renewed plastic products as part of the **drumMUSTER** program.

SWIS projects are supported by the Western Australian Landfill Levy fund.

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