



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

Pilbara Regional Council steals limelight in resource recovery funding

The Pilbara Regional Council has celebrated being the first Western Australian Regional Council to have its Regional Investment Plan approved by the Waste Authority.

The Council, comprising the Shires of Ashburton, East Pilbara and Roebourne and the Town of Port Hedland will receive \$92 000 as part of the Waste Authority's pilot Regional Funding Program. The program encourages collaboration between local governments to improve waste management services, resource recovery and reduce waste to landfill.

At a recent launch, Waste Authority Chairman, Mr Barry Carbon commended the Council for its vision and determination.

"The Pilbara Regional Council has shown an unwavering commitment to improving waste management practices in the Pilbara," he said.

"The dedication and hard work by all those involved in preparing the State's first Strategic Waste Management Plan and now the State's first Regional Investment Plan has been inspiring. The projects that the Council has put forward are innovative and in line with the Authority's priorities"



Waste Authority

“A Waste Strategy for the whole of Western Australia is currently being developed by the Authority and ongoing consultation and engagement with regional communities is critical to its success. The funding program has built some very strong bridges to regional and remote communities and we’re keen to see these links continue as part of the Strategy”

The Council will use the money to undertake two projects aimed at reducing waste to landfill. The first, *‘Landfill Management Strategy (Part 1)’* will help improve the management of the member councils’ municipal landfill sites by expanding their Asset Management Framework.

The second project *‘Pilbara Use of Gasification’* will see the Council undertake a feasibility study to identify the appropriateness of this type of technology for the Pilbara region and, if successful, could see a significant reduction in waste to landfill.

The Waste Authority has committed more than \$2.5 million from the Landfill Levy into this program for investment till December 2009. A total of 25 regional groups, consisting of 124 local governments, have registered their intent to be involved in the Regional Funding Program.

Media Enquiries: Barry Carbon, 0448 908 730