



**Waste Authority**

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

### **Hay bales to bales of waste**

Residents of Quairading Shire will benefit from the purchase of an industrial shredder made possible by a \$30, 000 grant from the Waste Authority's Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS).

Local landfill and recycling plant operators, Blackley Farming, will install the shredder at their site where they recover tyres, paper and cardboard and plastics, including outdoor plastic furniture.

The shredder will bring a new level of efficiency to the small recycling plant which currently relies on manual labour to break down the material. More compact bales will also reduce transport costs.

Waste Authority Chairman, Mr Barry Carbon, said one of the most effective ways of helping to manage waste in regional Western Australia was by ensuring the right infrastructure is available.

“Though it's a fairly small scale piece of equipment, the shredder will be a huge benefit to recovering everyday recyclables for reprocessing,” he said



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"When this sort of equipment is in place in small towns, it's much more likely that the residents will become involved in recycling and, hopefully, spread the word to neighbouring towns."

The successful **drumMUSTER** program will also be introduced into the region by Blackley Farming.

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

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