



Waste Authority

MEDIA STATEMENT

City of Stirling to tackle electrical waste

A \$24, 500 grant from the Waste Authority's Strategic Waste Initiative Scheme (SWIS) to set up a permanent electrical waste collection facility will help the City of Stirling manage the burgeoning amount of electrical waste taken to the Balcatta transfer station.

Electrical waste is a growing waste stream and may contain hazardous substances.

Desktop computers, laptops, computer accessories, printers, scanners, televisions, video players, DVD players and stereo equipment will be collected and sent for recovery and reprocessing where a range of valuable materials such as steel, aluminium, microchips, gold and silver can be extracted.

Waste Authority Chairman, Mr Barry Carbon, said electrical waste is a priority for the Waste Authority.

“The grant will not only provide a convenient drop off point for residents but will also demonstrate the need for Extender Producer Responsibility initiatives,” he said



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Monitoring the type, brands and quantities collected will provide useful data for the Electronic Waste Collection Desktop Study currently being undertaken by the Southern and Eastern Metropolitan Regional Councils.

The study is investigating and evaluating e-waste collection models and methods, and compiling an historical analysis on quantities, types and brands of e-waste collected in Perth.

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

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