



Waste Authority



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Chairman’s Announcement

The Chairman welcomed the new Waste Authority members recently appointed by the Governor in Executive Council. In alphabetical order they are:

Jennifer Bloom - has change management and strategic planning specialist skills, including expertise in process re-engineering. Ms Bloom has a proven track record in leading major projects and is an elected board member of an Aboriginal corporation and an elected representative in the Shire of Broome. Ms Bloom brings a regional focus to the work of the Authority.

Neil Foley - has significant experience in urban and regional planning. He has worked in a range of senior government roles, has private sector experience and also lectures in Urban and Regional Planning at the University of Western Australia.

Marcus Geisler - continues his position on the Authority and has been appointed as Deputy Chairman. Marcus provides years of experience in the waste and recycling industry. His operational and management experience, including a number of years in the Melbourne corporate office of a waste management multinational developing national and state strategies, will continue to benefit the work of the Authority.

Michele Rosano - has extensive experience in the resources sector and brings to the Authority international marketing and business development skills from the resource and industrial products area. Ms Rosano is also an economist in natural resource management and currently heads up the Sustainable Engineering Group at Curtin University of Technology.

The Minister for Environment, the Hon. Bill Marmion, met with the Waste Authority on the day of the new members’ first meeting and officially welcomed them. Photos and more details about the members are available on the [Authority website](#).

Chairman’s Report

During May, the Chairman participated in meetings with New Energy Corporation, Earthcare Recycling and Corrs Chambers Westgarth.

The Chairman visited the Kimberley Region along with senior DEC officers Robert Atkins and Stuart Cowie to look at waste management and landfill issues facing regional and remote areas.

The Chairman presented Instant Waste Management with the Housing Industry Association Greensmart Award for 'Resource Efficiency'. The company received this award for diverting wastes generated on construction sites from landfill for alternative uses.

The Chairman opened the inaugural **Western Australian Compost Industry Awards** at the ChemCentre, Perth, held by [Compost WA](#). The Chairman presented Mr Bob Paulin from the Department of Agriculture and Food with the Western Australia Compost Lifetime Recognition Award.

During June, the Authority's strategic partner, Waste Management Association of WA, conducted a workshop on **Commercial and Industrial Waste**. The Chairman introduced the workshop which was held at the Perth Zoo. A cross-section of commercial and industrial waste generators, processors and stakeholders attended the event. The Authority looks forward to receiving a report on the outcomes of the workshop.

The meeting focused on familiarising new members with the functions of the Waste Authority under the *Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery (WARR) Act 2007*.

The Authority was provided with updates on existing work and programs including the upcoming [Waste and Recycle Conference for 2011](#) and the latest round of the [Community Grants Scheme](#).

The Chairman advised members that his term of office ends on 29 June 2011.

Members Present:

Mr Jim Malcolm	Chairman
Mr Marcus Geisler	Deputy Chair
Mr Neil Foley	
Ms Jennifer Bloom	
Dr Michele Rosano	