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\$445,840 FOR RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ALBURY WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

Member for Albury, Greg Aplin today announced Albury City Council had been awarded a \$445,840 grant to invest in new infrastructure to help increase recycling rates at licensed NSW waste facilities.

The grants have been awarded under the NSW Environment Protection Authority's *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative.

Albury City Council's was one of eight projects successful in accessing funding under Round 5 of the Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Enhancement program. Over \$3,600,000 million was awarded to projects at licensed waste facilities, to increase recycling of waste materials from households and businesses, in a cost-effective manner.

"The Albury Waste Management Centre (AWMC) is the region's major waste disposal facility servicing over 17,000 people. With the aim to halve the amount of total waste going to landfill, the AWMC is currently targeting timber and wooden pallets, and mattresses for recycling. This project will install shredder and de-nailing pallet processing equipment to recover over 5,100 additional tonnes of pallet timber per year.

"The material will be used as an alternative fuel in the local paper mill and mulch within the LGA. The project will also establish a local recovery centre within the AWMC to reclaim steel and textiles from an estimate of 3,200 mattresses per year," Mr Aplin said.

"Through the Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Enhancement grants, the NSW Government is working towards its 2021 waste targets, which includes increasing the amount of waste diverted from landfill to 75 per cent, and increasing the municipal recycling rate to 70 per cent."

"These are ambitious targets that require investment in infrastructure and innovative waste solutions.

"Through this grant program, the NSW Government is working to ensure our state can effectively manage waste for the long-term."

More information about the Resource Recovery Facility Expansion and Enhancement grants is available at <http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/infrastructure-fund/resource-recovery-expansion-enhancement>.

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