

Media Release

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RECYCLING BOOST FOR REGIONAL AND RURAL VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government is delivering a major recycling boost to local councils and businesses in regional and rural Victoria.

Minister for Environment Lily D'Ambrosio today announced \$4.2 million in funding for 13 recycling projects as part of the second round of the *Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund*.

The projects, worth more than \$47 million, are expected to create 50 jobs and divert around 85,000 tonnes of waste from landfill each year.

Eight of the 13 projects are being delivered by local councils and include new or upgraded council resource recovery centres in the rural cities of Benalla and Wangaratta, and the Campaspe, Mitchell, Moira, Toowong and Yarriambiack Shires.

Applications for the third round of the *Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund* have also opened. Up to \$3 million is available for infrastructure projects across Victoria, with grants of between \$40,000 and \$500,000 available.

For more information and to apply for funding, visit: sustainability.vic.gov.au/RRIF_Infrastructure_Grants.

Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

"We're developing a circular economy that maximises the reuse of materials, increases recycling and reduces the amount of waste that goes to landfill."

"These grants will provide a boost to promising recycling initiatives and bring jobs to regional and rural Victoria."