

North East Victoria's plan for the future of waste & resource recovery

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Waste & Resource Recovery Plan released for North East Victoria

A plan which will guide waste management and resource recovery infrastructure in the North East for the next ten years was approved yesterday, on the 6/07/2017, by the Minister for Energy, Environment & Climate Change, the Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio.

The north east waste and resource recovery implementation plan (north east implementation plan) sets out the waste and resource recovery (recycling) infrastructure needs (facilities and equipment) of the north east region for the next 10 years and also looks at ways to minimise the environmental and public health impacts of waste while supporting a cost effective recycling system which reduces dependence on landfill.

North East Waste and Resource Recovery Group Chair, Ms. Veronica Schilling said "the north east implementation plan has been prepared in partnership with stakeholders including north east Councils and Alpine Resorts, and sets out how we will meet the waste and recycling needs of the region into the future".

Ms. Veronica Schilling said the plan covers the local government areas of: Alpine Shire, Benalla Rural City, City of Wodonga, Falls Creek Resort Management Board, Indigo Shire Council, Mansfield Shire, Mt Buller & Mt Stirling Resort Management Board, Mt Hotham Resort Management Board, Rural City of Wangaratta and Towong Shire.

The north east implementation plan is one of seven regional implementation plans which have been integrated with the Statewide Waste and Resource Recovery Infrastructure Plan, ensuring the coordination of a statewide waste and resource recovery system and to make sure Victoria has a first class integrated system.

Some of the key priorities outlined in the north east implementation plan include:

- > Increasing the recovery of recyclable materials to reduce amounts of these materials going to landfill,
- > Further development of regional partnerships to enable efficiencies in waste transport, disposal and resource recovery,
- > Identifying the need for infrastructure upgrades and improved facility operations, including technological innovations and advancements, and
- > Development of a long term regional strategy for landfills in the region.

"Focus now turns to the implementation of the plan so we look forward to continuing to work in partnership with local government, alpine resorts, industry and community to ensure that we continue to meet the waste and recycling needs of the region into the future" Ms Schilling said.

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Further Information:

- > Further Information about the plan can be found on North East WRRG's website: www.newrrg.vic.gov.au
- > For further information of the statewide infrastructure plan: www.sustainability.vic.gov.au