

# Assistant minister tours NAWMA recovery facility

FEDERAL assistant minister for waste reduction and environmental management Trevor Evans got a first-person look at the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority's "benchmark waste diversion and recycling processes" last Wednesday.

The Member for Brisbane toured the state-of-the-art Edinburgh material recovery facility, which has been developed with funding support from Green Industries SA to expand the economic, social and environmental benefits of separating and regenerating recyclables into valuable new products.

As the regional subsidiary of the Gawler, Playford and Salisbury councils, NAWMA processes waste and recyclable products from about 25 per cent of residents in metropolitan Adelaide, along with a number of regional council areas.

NAWMA chair Brian Cunningham said Mr Evans' visit was important recognition of the authority's commitment to 100 per cent onshore processing of kerbside collected recyclables by 2020.

"We welcome the recent announcement from the Council of Australian Governments, where prime minister Scott Morrison effectively endorsed NAWMA's 100 per cent onshore model along with the proposal to ban exportation of recyclables as soon as practicable," he said.

"NAWMA was the first local government jurisdiction to pub-

licly commit to keeping yellow bin recyclables in Australia in

order to create new markets and jobs, and a secondary remanufacturing industry right here in South Australia.

"NAWMA is now separating about 21,000 tonnes of recyclables from the waste stream in the northern region of Adelaide and a further 30,000 tonnes from the broader South Australian community.

"Importantly, NAWMA is working with its owner councils to develop policies to encourage the buyback of at least 50 per cent of recyclables for processing into content for roads, street furniture and other items in the northern region.

"(The) visit by Mr Evans will help ensure he keeps abreast of best practice procedures in waste management and resource recovery."



NAWMA chair Brian Cunningham (left) and NAWMA resource recovery manager Danial Dunn welcomed federal assistant minister Trevor Evans to tour the Edinburgh facility last week.  
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