



SOUTHERN METROPOLITAN REGIONAL COUNCIL

## MEDIA STATEMENT

### Recycle Right in 2013

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Southern Metropolitan Regional Council Chairman Tony Romano is urging all residents to make a New Year's resolution to rethink, reduce, reuse and recycle right in 2013.

'New year is the perfect time to set your home or office up to make positive changes about how much waste you generate and think about how to dispose of waste correctly' Cr Romano said

Use your household bin collection responsibly: The SMRC member Councils operates a two-bin system; one for recyclables (yellow top bin) and one for organic waste. By separating your waste you will help divert recyclables from landfill. For information on what goes in which bin please visit [www.recycleright.net.au](http://www.recycleright.net.au)

**Reuse waste:** Glass bottles or containers can be rinsed and used as storage around your home, gift wrapping and cards reused or used for decorating and old furniture can be revitalised or given a different use. Think creatively about how you or someone in the community can find use for your waste.

**Shop smart:** Choose products with less packaging reuse shopping bags or use calico multi-use bags and buy items in bulk to reduce packaging. You can even provide your own coffee cup or travel mug next time you order your morning coffee, saving the disposable cup from the waste stream.

**Donate your unwanted goods:** Rather than throwing out unwanted household goods or gifts find somebody that will make use of it. This might be a community group that fixes and sells goods or a charity.

**Compost your organic waste:** Invest in a worm farm on your property and see your garden benefitting from your waste.

**Make the effort:** When out and about store your recyclables for disposal at home. It may be inconvenient but by making the extra effort you are diverting waste from landfill and reducing carbon emissions.

Make 2013 the year you recycle right!

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**Media backgrounder – About the SMRC**

The SMRC is a statutory local government authority established by Local Councils in the southern part of metropolitan Perth. It is responsible for developing environmentally sustainable waste management solutions and climate change abatement measures for the communities of Cockburn, East Fremantle, Fremantle, Kwinana and Melville.

The SMRC is committed to assisting the State Government to work towards achieving its Zero Waste objective by 2020.

Each year the SMRC diverts more than 60,000 tonnes of waste from landfill and prevents about 70,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide from entering the atmosphere which is equivalent to taking more than 16,000 cars off the road. Its Regional Resource Recovery Centre (RRRC) in Canning Vale produces more than 25,000 tonnes of compost each year for use in agriculture and soil amendment programs and recovers approximately 70 sea containers per month of recyclables.

The SMRC employs 69 staff and provides work for 100 local small businesses and contractors each month. This contributes more than \$20 million to the economy.

Recycle Right is a campaign by the SMRC which encourages and assists residents and businesses in the Southern Metropolitan Region to recycle, reduce their rubbish and buy more recycled products. To find out what goes in which bin visit [www.recycleright.net.au](http://www.recycleright.net.au)