



The Hon. Sussan Ley MP
Minister for the Environment

Senator Hollie Hughes
Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region

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NEWCASTLE TO BENEFIT FROM \$24M RECYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The City of Newcastle has joined the Morrison Government's transformation of Australia's recycling industry as one of 22 New South Wales projects funded jointly by the Morrison and Berejiklian Governments.

Federal Minister for the Environment Sussan Ley today announced \$24 million in funding in a state wide infrastructure roll out that will increase the state's recycling capacity by 120,000 tonnes a year, and generate industry investment of \$59 million.

"This is about easing pressure on our environment and taking responsibility for our waste by recycling more materials, creating more jobs and driving economic investment.

Liberal Patron Senator for the Hunter Region Hollie Hughes said "this project will establish a **new \$40 million regional Materials Recovery Facility (MRF) at the Summerhill Waste Management Centre (SWMC)** to recycle waste glass, plastic, tyres, paper and cardboard in Newcastle. "I am delighted to announce that the Summerhill Waste Management Centre in Wallsend will be playing its part in transforming our recycling capacity."

"The Australian and NSW governments have co-invested **\$5 million** for this project (\$2.5 million each), and industry has contributed a further \$35.8 million. This is about easing pressure on our environment by recycling more materials including plastics, tyres, glass, cardboard and even coffee cups, and importantly it is about creating jobs and economic investment.

This funding and these new projects will help to boost our existing recycling capabilities, supportive innovative re-use of recycled materials and boost NSW's recycling capacity," said Senator Hughes.

The Morrison Government is investing \$190 million in the Recycling Modernisation Fund (RMF), which together with state and industry investment will generate more than \$600 million in recycling infrastructure.

For further information see: <https://www.environment.gov.au/protection/waste/how-we-manage-waste/recycling-modernisation-fund>

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