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BLACKTOWN COMPANY AWARDED \$38,420 TO HELP REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney, Ray Williams, today announced a \$38,420 grant to Western Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (WSROC) to help reduce the amount of food wasted every year in NSW.

Mr Williams said every year businesses and households in NSW throw away almost a million tonnes of food. This equates to about \$1,000 worth of food per household.

“In this project, WSROC will set up Shop.Cook.Save. pop-up stalls during 7 major council events across Western Sydney to encourage households to partake in a ‘selfie-pledge’ to shop to a list,” Mr Williams said.

“The Round 3 Love Food Hate Waste grants, from the Government’s \$465.7 million *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative, include programs that will help people learn how to avoid food waste by teaching them how to shop for, cook and store food in a sustainable way,”

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said by learning techniques to shop for, store and use food more efficiently we can avoid wastage to help the environment and our hip pocket.

“This project supports the NSW Government’s critical work to divert waste from landfill and increase recycling,” Mr Speakman said.

“There are a number of *Waste Less Recycle More* initiatives that are keeping food waste out of landfill, including funding for extra council kerbside collections and new infrastructure to process the collected organics and developing new markets for compost.”

For more information about the Love Food Hate Waste grants go to: <http://www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/foodavoid.htm>

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