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BOOSTING ORGANIC RECYCLING

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney, Ray Williams, has welcomed the awarding of \$82,150 to The Hills Bark Blower in Castle Hill to help expand the market for recycled organic materials.

This forms part of the \$2.3 million allocated in funding under the NSW Government's Organic Market Development Grants Program.

Ray Williams said The Hills Bark Blower was awarded funding to consolidate the use of Compost Blankets as a part of everyday practice on sites around NSW.

"The effectiveness of Compost Blankets as an erosion control solution and rehabilitation tool on denuded construction sites has been proven and this project will train RMS operatives to use the products." Mr Williams said.

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said the Organic Markets Development Grants program offered councils, businesses, government and community groups the opportunity to apply for funding of up to \$500,000 for any project that promotes or develops recycled organics.

This is just another way the NSW Government's commitment to recycling is helping turn trash into treasure.

The Organics Market Development Grants Program is part of the NSW Government's *Waste Less Recycle More* initiative, which is a four-year \$465.7 million package to transform waste and recycling in NSW, administered by the NSW Environment Protection Authority.

Further information about the Organics Market Development Grants program is available on the NSW EPA website: www.epa.nsw.gov.au/wastegrants/index.htm

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