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BANKSTOWN'S TIC MATTRESS RECYCLING AWARDED \$794,766 FOR INNOVATIVE PROBLEM WASTE SOLUTIONS STREAM 1

Parliamentary Secretary to the Premier for Western Sydney, Ray Williams, has announced that Bankstown-based TIC Mattress Recycling Pty Ltd has been awarded funding of \$794,766 for its development of innovative ways of managing problem waste.

TIC Mattress Recycling is one of 19 NSW businesses awarded a share of \$6.9 million from the *Innovation in Priority Problem Wastes Management* grants program from the Environment Protection Authority.

“The program, from the Environment Protection Authority, was developed to encourage creative solutions to manage problem waste such as mattresses, plastics, tyres and nappies,” Mr Williams said.

“Each project aimed to change a problem waste into a productive resource, either through a new recycling method or through the development of new recycling markets.

TIC Mattress Recycling is establishing a state-of-the-art automated mattress recycling facility integrated with a network of metropolitan, rural and regional collection and consolidation points across NSW. The project will increase recycling by an additional 1,800 tonnes in the first year, rising to 6,000 tonnes in 4 years.

TIC Mattress Recycling received its grant under stream one of the program, which awards individual grants of up to \$1 million to cover 50 per cent of the capital costs for the development of new and emerging technologies for problem waste recycling or resource recovery.

Environment Minister Mark Speakman said problem waste was defined as everyday items such as mattresses, plastics, treated timbers, tyres, rubber and nappies.

The grants are part of the NSW Government's five year \$465.7 million *Waste Less, Recycle More* initiative, which aims to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill, by increasing recycling, reducing illegal dumping and litter and tackling problem wastes.

For further information about the program and details of other grant recipients go to: www.environment.nsw.gov.au/grants/ProblemWaste.htm

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