

The Hon Ray Williams MP

Member for Castle Hill Minister for Multiculturalism and Minister for Disability Services

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\$2 MILLION TO REDUCE FOOD WASTE

Councils and food relief agencies can now apply for a share of \$2 million in grants to help rescue surplus food before it is sent to landfill, Member for Castle Hill Ray Williams announced today.

Grants of up to \$200,000 are available over two years to support projects that raise awareness and improve education on food rescue.

"We need to increase the volume of food donated and capture more good food before it becomes a waste," Mr Williams said.

"These grants will help to make sure good food didn't go to waste" he said. "Less good quality food will be going in landfill, and instead, the food will go to people in need".

Previous NSW Government funding for vans, fridges and freezers is already helping to divert 6,000 tonnes of surplus food from landfill each year.

NSW EPA staff are available to help charities prepare applications. Applications are open until 22 November 2017.

For more information, visit http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/working-together/grants/organics-infrastructure-fund

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