

Government funding makes closed loop recycling possible for glass and plastic food packaging in Victoria

Today the Victorian Minister for Environment Hon Lily D'Ambrosio MP and the Federal Minister for Environment the Hon Sussan Ley MP announced Cleanaway as a successful recipient of State and Federal recycling grants.

In response to receiving the funding, Cleanaway's CEO and Managing Director Vik Bansal said, "These grants have made it possible for Cleanaway to invest in a state-of-the-art glass beneficiation plant and a HDPE, LDPE and PP plastics pelletising facility in Victoria."

Announced at an event at Cleanaway's Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Laverton North, Cleanaway received funding from the Victorian Government's *Recycling Victorian Infrastructure Fund* which was matched by the Federal Government through its *Recycling Modernisation Fund*.

Mr Bansal explained, "There is currently very low recycled content in food and beverage packaging in Australia. Cleanaway wants to change this by investing in technology that takes some of our highest volume consumer materials and prepares them for recycling."

"By extending the value chain of glass and plastic packaging we can effectively create a closed loop solution for these waste streams." Mr Bansal said.

"This is a great example of industry and government working together to work towards making a sustainable future possible. I am grateful to Minister D'Ambrosio and Minister Ley for their continued support and belief in building a circular economy in Australia."

The new facilities will integrate with our existing processing and sorting capability in the Victorian Commingled Resource Recovery (VCRR) network to extend the value of the material Cleanaway collects from our customers and ensure it can be turned into new products.

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Cleanaway Waste Management Ltd is Australia's leading waste management company, with a national network of unique collection, processing, treatment and landfill assets. Cleanaway operates from over 250 locations and directly employs 6,500 people. Our philosophy is that all waste is a resource and we aim to incorporate recover, recycling and reuse throughout our operations and those of our clients. Our mission is to make a sustainable future possible for all our stakeholders.

Australia's waste industry employs directly and indirectly over 50,000 Australians and provides essential services to the community.