

## *Cleanaway opens bigger Recycling and Resource Recovery Centre*

Australia's leading waste and recycling management company Cleanaway, has increased its recycling capacity in Brisbane through a new Recycling and Resource Recovery Centre.

The new Hemmant Recycling and Resource Recovery Centre will have the capacity to receive, recover and recycle 75,000 tonnes of waste a year, which is an approximate 50 per cent increase compared to the old centre.

Neil Perry, QLD General Manager, says Cleanaway has outgrown its current recycling capabilities at its existing 4,400m<sup>2</sup> centre on Lytton Road, Hemmant, which has accelerated the need for a larger facility.

"The business has occupied the same property since 1992 and during that time, recycling volumes have grown from 15,000 tonnes per annum to almost 50,000 tonnes per annum in the current financial year," Mr Perry says.

"Cleanaway has steadily increased publishing volumes with growth from businesses such as Inprint, which placed capacity constraints on the old centre, restricting ability to expand for acceptance of more material and to offer baling options to third parties in the market.

"The relocation of this business will enable the business to position itself for future growth and internalisation of frontlift recycling volumes in the greater Brisbane and Gold Coast areas and our recycling volumes throughout Queensland."

My Perry explains the new centre, at 94 Anton Road, has been selected due to the proximity to the Port Of Brisbane and being in an excellent logistics hub for our customers and for transport operators in the Brisbane Trade Coast area.

"The Hemmant site offers a range of services for the South East Queensland and Regional Commercial and Industrial Collections businesses, including the processing and baling (package prepared for shipping, storage, or sale) of old corrugated cardboard, paper, magazine and plastics," Mr Perry says.

"This recycling facility also uniquely supports the Cleanaway Harvest Service, which enables businesses to mix recyclable products of cardboard, paper, plastic shrink wrap and polystyrene in the Harvest bin and these are separated, sorted and baled at the Hemmant facility ready for domestic or export sale.

"Harvest sorting at Hemmant allows Cleanaway to achieve market competitive commodity rate for a wider range of recoverable products.

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“Usually the majority of these commodities head overseas to countries such as China, India and Indonesia, however, Cleanaway is proud that an ever growing percentage is being used in Australia to not only fuel jobs and growth but to create some extraordinary everyday items.”

The new facility, at just over 6,000m<sup>2</sup>, has a drive through capability for more effective loading and unloading and safety in our operations and allows distinct segregation of processes.

“The site is designed and laid out to improve the flow of product and materials from raw, pre-processed product through to finished, baled material ready for transport to the Port or domestic buyers and reprocessors,” Mr Perry says.

Among the 75,000 tonnes of waste a year that can be recovered and recycled at the new centre, include;

- > old corrugated containers
- > overissued magazines
- > overissued newsprint
- > mixed reels
- > mixed cores (ed rolls from publishers)
- > bulka bags
- > mixed plastics, and
- > polystyrene.

For information on better recycling and waste management, including a plastic recycling guide and waste avoidance tips, visit our website; <http://www.cleanaway.com.au/community/education/>

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