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\$196M FOR A HEALTHIER ENVIRONMENT

The NSW Government has committed \$196 million in the 2018-19 Budget to protect the health of the environment, reduce waste and strengthen recycling, Environment Minister Gabrielle Upton announced today.

“The NSW Government is committed to providing a healthy environment for future generations,” Ms Upton said.

The Environment Protection Authority budget for 2018-19 includes:

- \$70 million to improve waste management and resource recovery
- \$8 million for the management of contaminated land
- \$5 million for asbestos management, including emergency asbestos clean-up

“The 2018-19 Budget provides support for programs and initiatives to reduce litter and waste, tackle illegal dumping and strengthen recycling,” Ms Upton said.

“Diverting waste from landfill is a key priority and the NSW Government has set targets to increase the diversion of waste from landfill from 63% in 2014-15 to 75% by 2021.

“The Premier has also made it a priority to reduce the volume of litter in NSW by 40% by 2020, achieved through Return and Earn, Hey Tosser and council and community litter prevention grants.”

“In March, I announced a support package of up to \$47 million to help local government and industry to respond to China’s National Sword policy.

“The support package provides a range of short, medium and long-term programs to ensure kerbside recycling continues and to promote industry innovation.”

Ms Upton said there is also funding for the emergency clean-up of asbestos, managing James Hardie Asbestos legacy sites at Parramatta and support for the Broken Hill Lead program and the management of PFAS.

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