



BINGO's Auburn Recycling Centre

BINGO awarded grant for innovative Braeside recycling centre redevelopment

Sustainability Victoria has awarded BINGO a grant of AUD\$500,000 as part of the third round of funding released under the State Government's Resource Recovery Infrastructure Fund.

The fund aims to recognise innovative recycling infrastructure projects that improve the collection and processing of recyclable materials and generate jobs in the Victorian resource recovery industry.

When redevelopment works are complete, BINGO's Braeside Recycling Centre will be a one-of-a-kind facility in Victoria, significantly contributing to the state's resource recovery efforts.

The centre will process mixed solid inert Commercial and Industrial (C&I) and Building and Demolition (B&D) waste. Impressively, the Braeside facility will divert approximately 100,000 tonnes of waste from landfill across target waste streams in its first year of operation, with a target resource recovery rate of 80 per cent.

Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of BINGO, Daniel Tartak, said "BINGO is excited about the role we have to play in assisting governments and communities in achieving their sustainability outcomes through developing innovative recycling infrastructure.

We see the redevelopment of our Braeside and West Melbourne facilities as crucial in assisting Victoria in addressing the recent issues developed as a result of external pressures on waste management infrastructure, such as China's ban on importing Australian waste."

Victoria is expected to be producing 21 million tonnes of waste per year by 2044 and since the introduction of the China Sword Policy, waste has been a major focus for the Victorian Government and local Councils alike.

China implemented a ban on importing 24 categories of solid waste in January 2018, affecting an estimated 619,000 tonnes of Australian waste materials.

BINGO invested AUD\$53 million on its initial expansion into Victoria in late 2017 with the acquisition of three businesses, Konstruct Recycling, Resource Recovery Victoria and AAZ Recycling.

BINGO purchased the Braeside site in late 2017 and was awarded development approval by City of Kingston local council on 21 December 2018. Redevelopment work will commence at the site in early 2019 and is expected to be completed in the second half of 2019.

The redevelopment will be extensive, with a complete rebuild of the existing infrastructure, significantly improving resource recovery rates and minimising operational impacts on neighbouring land. The recycling facility will be completely enclosed with innovative noise and dust mitigation systems installed across the facility.

BINGO now operates a fleet of 77 trucks and five recycling and waste-management facilities in Victoria, employing over 130 Victorian employees. BINGO views Victoria as a key part of achieving its vision to see a waste-free Australia by diverting waste from landfill and moving towards a circular economy.

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