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TRANSFORMING NON-RECYCLABLE WASTE INTO SOLID FUEL

An alternative fuel plant officially opens in Sydney today, diverting up to 50,000 truckloads of waste from landfill per year and creating 50 jobs, thanks to support from the Turnbull Government and the Berejiklian Government.

Located in Wetherill Park, the resource recovery facility will transform non-recyclable waste into solid fuel, known as Processed Engineering Fuel (PEF) which can be used in high-combustion facilities such as cement kilns.

The Turnbull Government, through the Clean Energy Finance Corporation (CEFC), lent \$30 million to ResourceCo to help fund the Wetherill Park facility as well as a second in a location to be announced.

“Conversion of non-recyclable waste into PEF is a win for the environment as it has the potential to reduce Australia’s need for new landfill,” Minister Frydenberg said.

“The Wetherill Park facility is the largest of its kind in Australia – it is licensed to process around 250,000 tonnes of waste per year to produce PEF and also will recover other commodities such as metal, clean timber and inert metal.

“The project is part of our plan for a stronger economy, backing businesses to invest and create jobs.”

The facility also received \$5 million worth of grant funding from the Berejiklian Government’s Environmental Trust as part of the New South Wales Environmental Protection Agency’s waste less, recycle more initiative.

“This partnership between industry and government is particularly powerful because now, more than ever, we need facilities like this with pioneering solutions to reuse waste and stop it going to landfill,” Minister Upton said.

“This project delivers jobs, a solution to a waste problem and a source of alternative fuel – a three way win for the community, the environment and the economy. It doesn’t get much better than that.”

Co-owned by ResourceCo and Cleanaway, the facility is expected to reduce the equivalent of at least four million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions during the expected life of the equipment. The PEF will be utilised by Boral in their cement kiln in Berrima as well as exported overseas.

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