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## MEDIA RELEASE

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### MAJOR RECYCLING PROJECT APPROVED IN SILVERWATER

The NSW Government has approved an expansion of a recycling facility at Silverwater which would divert up to 56,000 tonnes of construction waste a year away from landfill.

Minister for Planning, Tony Kelly, said the facility in Fariola Street, together with the existing waste depot in Derby Street, are owned and operated by Smartskip NSW Pty Ltd within an established and large industrial area.

“The expansion of the facility which has operated since 1995 will reduce the amount of building and packaging waste deposited into landfill,” the Minister said.

**“The current handling capacity will increase from 21,000 to 70,000 tonnes of waste a year with up to 80% of this incoming waste will be recovered for recycling.”**

Smartskip trades in the recovery of dry construction, demolition and packaging waste for sorting and sale to domestic and export markets.

Waste is collected from construction and demolition sites within the Sydney metropolitan region and transported to the Fariola Street site for sorting.

Waste materials include cardboard, timber, plastics, concrete, bricks and metal. The Derby Street site operates as a depot for empty waste storage bins and vehicles.

A total of 47 conditions have been imposed including:

- Implementation of a traffic management plan to address safety and congestion issues;
- Restriction on operations so trucks will not be allowed to reverse during ‘peak hour’ times of 8-10 am and 3-5pm;
- Provision of traffic controllers to avoid and manage potential conflicts between Smartskip vehicles and other road users; and
- Management and monitoring of environmental performance (particularly in relation to noise, air quality and waste).

Member for Auburn, Barbara Perry, said the majority of heavy vehicles accessing both sites currently reverse onto Fariola site.

“The expansion project has brought improvements so most heavy vehicles would now enter and exit the site in a forward direction,” Ms Perry said.

“Smartskip will restrict articulated vehicles from accessing the site during both the commercial and commuter peak periods, reducing potential conflicts between Smartskip vehicles and residential traffic moving through the industrial area.”

The project is consistent with the strategic direction for waste management in NSW and an example of the Government’s Waste Avoidance and Resource Recovery Strategy being put into action.

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