



Media release

The Hon Ryan Smith MP

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Major boost in the fight against litter

Minister for Environment and Climate Change Ryan Smith today announced more than \$1 million of funding from the Victorian Coalition Government for nine dedicated Litter Prevention Officers to be employed by local councils across Victoria.

“Nine local councils across Victoria will receive funding to employ a dedicated Litter Prevention Officer who will develop and implement highly targeted programs designed to minimise litter in their area.

“Funding for the *Litter Prevention Officers Program* has been allocated from landfill levy funds and will make a valuable contribution toward reducing the amount of waste that ends up in landfill.

“Litter Prevention Officers will lead education, capacity building and enforcement activities at a local level and will encourage communities to take practical measures to reduce litter.

Measures which will be used by the Councils include issuing fines and direct enforcement, patrolling known rubbish hot spots and educating business and the wider community on best practice waste disposal.

The locations that will recruit a Litter Prevention Officer are;

Council
Bass Coast/ Sth Gippsland Regional Waste Management Group
Dandenong
Darebin
Kingston
Manningham
Melton
Mildura
Northern Grampians/Ararat/ Horsham/ Yarriambiack/ Regional Waste Management Group
Wellington/East Gippsland

To apply to become a Litter Prevention Officer and for further details visit www.epa.vic.gov.au

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