

## WASTE MANAGEMENT

- At the December 2007 Forum meeting, members received a presentation from Mr Bill Cossey on the content and key issues contained in his report entitled "*Future Directions in Waste Management*".
- In June 2007 the Local Government Association (LGA) engaged Mr Cossey to undertake a review of waste management and resource recovery activities undertaken by SA Councils. The object of the review is to develop a clear strategic path forward for reaching the State's waste targets in the most effective and efficient way while achieving the ultimate goal of reducing the environmental footprint.
- The report makes 27 recommendations in relation to Local Government's involvement in waste management including an acknowledgement that the sector plays a key role in the management of municipal waste, and its contribution towards the achievement of South Australia's Strategic Plan Target T3.8 for 75% of all material presented at the kerbside (including food waste) is recycled by 2010.
- On 28 February 2008, a LGA President's Forum was held to consider the recommendations contained in the "*Future Directions for Waste Management*" report, and to seek feedback from Councils on potential actions for an implementation strategy. Key functional categories: policy and advocacy, regional strategies, governance, education/awareness, contracts/shared services and data collection were considered. The forum endorsed all of the report recommendations.
- It is proposed that LGA State Executive endorsement will be sought for the development of a draft implementation strategy of the report recommendations, and that the LGA Waste Committee oversee the strategy.