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## **NEW DATA SHOWS VICTORIANS RECYCLING MORE THAN EVER**

Victorians are recycling more than ever before according to the latest figures released today by the CEO of Sustainability Victoria, Mrs Anita Roper.

The Victorian Local Government Annual Survey 2007-2008, compiled by Sustainability Victoria, revealed the state-wide average for the recovery of recyclables and green organics has increased from 41% in 2006-07 to 42% in 2007-08.

The 10 municipalities with the highest rate of recycling by households were Nillumbik, Moyne, Greater Geelong, Maroondah, Monash, Casey, Knox, Surf Coast, Latrobe and Banyule.

“Victorians are to be congratulated for their continued commitment to recycling at home. Through its grant and infrastructure programs, the Brumby Government remains committed to supporting local governments to put Victoria on the path Towards Zero Waste,” Mrs Roper said.

For the first time, all of Victoria’s 79 local governments now provide a kerbside recycling service and the cost of providing this service is now cheaper than the cost of a garbage collection and disposal service alone.

“These figures demonstrate the commitment householders and local governments have to recycling; helping the environment and the bottom line,” explained Mrs Roper.

The average household generated around 291kg of recyclables in 2007-08; this is 20kg more than the previous year. Approximately 608 thousand tonnes of recyclables were collected from kerbside services in Victoria during 2007-2008, up 8.4% from the previous year.

“When residents recycle items such as aluminium foil, paper, glass and plastic, they are saving resources and money because raw materials such as timber are not being sourced, processed, manufactured and transported to create new products,” Mrs Roper said.

“A holistic assessment of an item’s production shows that there is great value in recycling resources versus creating new products from raw materials,” explained Mrs Roper.

“The amount of recycling in Victoria in the last financial year is the equivalent of removing more than 300,000 tonnes of greenhouse gas or more than 50,000 cars off the road,” Mrs Roper said.

A full list of household recycling rates for each municipality, as well as graphical data, is attached.

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### Diversion rate through kerbside services for Victorian Local Governments, 2007–08

Rank	Data	Diversion rate* (%) net of contaminants
1	Nillumbik Shire Council	64
2	Moyne Shire Council	60
3	Greater Geelong City Council	57
4	Maroondah City Council	55
5	Monash City Council	54
6	Casey City Council	53
7	Knox City Council	53
8	Surf Coast Shire Council	53
9	Latrobe City Council	52
10	Banyule City Council	52
11	Manningham City Council	51
12	Frankston City Council	51
13	Bayside City Council	50
14	Kingston City Council	48
15	East Gippsland Shire Council	48
16	Boroondara City Council	47
17	Greater Shepparton City Council	46
18	Greater Dandenong City Council	45
19	Whitehorse City Council	44
20	Colac Otway Shire Council	43
21	Baw Baw Shire Council	43
22	Mornington Peninsula Shire Council	43
23	Gannawarra Shire Council	42
24	Yarra City Council	42
25	Warrnambool City Council	42
26	Darebin City Council	42
27	Hobsons Bay City Council	41
28	Melton Shire Council	40
29	Wyndham City Council	39
30	Stonnington City Council	38
31	Hepburn Shire Council	38
32	Moonee Valley City Council	37
33	Moreland City Council	37
34	Moirā Shire Council	37
35	Cardinia Shire Council	37
36	Corangamite Shire Council	36
37	Macedon Ranges Shire Council	36
38	Swan Hill Rural City Council	36
39	Port Phillip City Council	36
40	Brimbank City Council	35
41	Wodonga City Council	35
42	Yarra Ranges Shire Council	34
43	Indigo Shire Council	34
44	Moorabool Shire Council	34

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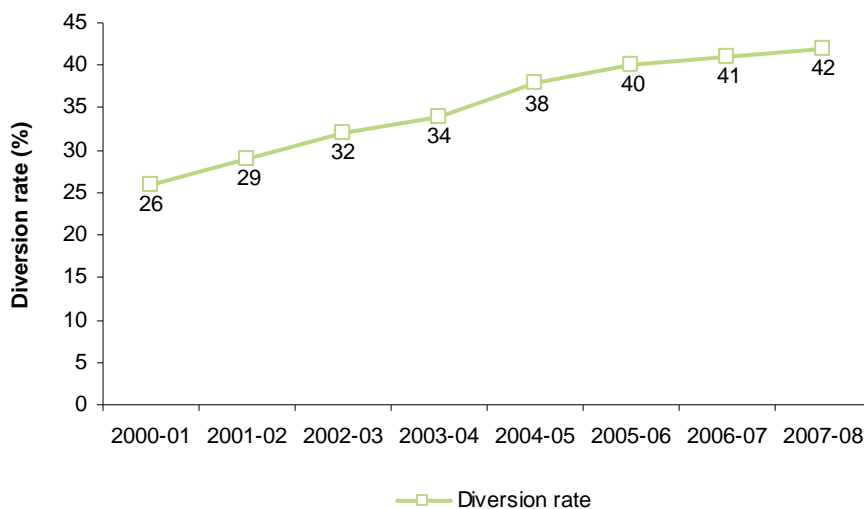
45	Mitchell Shire Council	34
46	Murrindindi Shire Council	33
47	Hume City Council	33
48	Glen Eira City Council	32
49	Loddon Shire Council	32
50	Alpine Shire Council	32
51	Campaspe Shire Council	32
52	Bass Coast Shire Council	32
53	Whittlesea City Council	32
54	Strathbogie Shire Council	31
55	South Gippsland Shire Council	31
56	Glenelg Shire Council	30
57	Mount Alexander Shire Council	30
58	Southern Grampians Shire Council	29
59	Ballarat City Council	29
60	Wangaratta Rural City Council	29
61	Wellington Shire Council	29
62	Towong Shire Council	29
63	Ararat Rural City Council	28
64	Buloke Shire Council	28
65	Queenscliffe Borough Council	27
66	Benalla Rural City Council	26
67	Maribyrnong City Council	25
68	Greater Bendigo City Council	25
69	Hindmarsh Shire Council	25
70	Melbourne City Council	24
71	Mansfield Shire Council	24
72	Yarriambiack Shire Council	23
73	West Wimmera Shire Council	23
74	Pyrenees Shire Council	21
75	Mildura Rural City Council	21
76	Central Goldfields Shire Council	21
77	Northern Grampians Shire Council	19
78	Horsham Rural City Council	18
79	Golden Plains Shire Council	17
<b>State average</b>		<b>42</b>

\*Diversion rate equals the tonnes of recyclables and green organics collected (less contaminants) divided by the total tonnes of garbage, recyclables and green organics collected

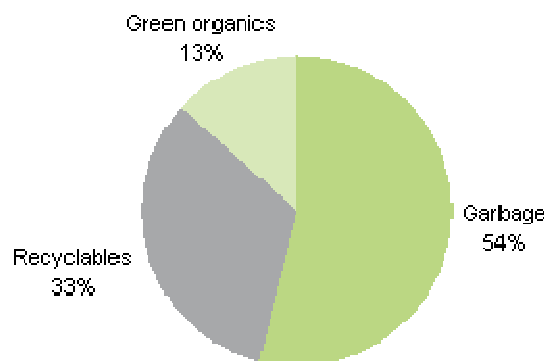
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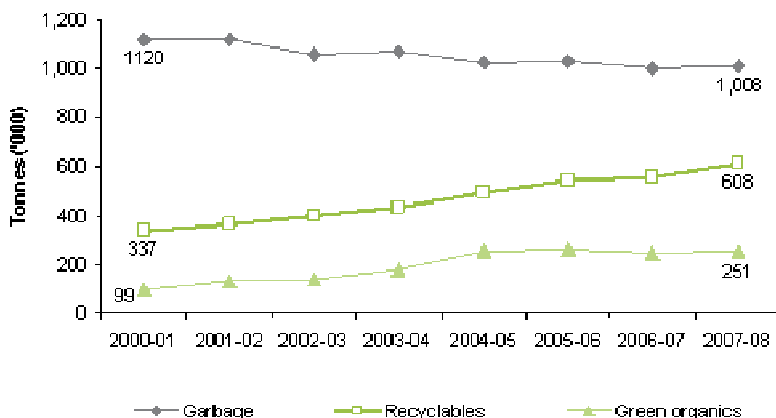
## Diversion rate by tonnes, Victoria 2000–01 to 2007–08.



## Composition of waste processed (collected) through kerbside services, Victoria 2007–08



## Waste generation by kerbside services, Victoria 2000–01 to 2007–08



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