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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# **#Waste2Wages expands to Moreton Bay**

Not-for-profit social enterprise Resource Recovery Australia (RRA) has announced an expansion into the Brisbane region after securing a contract to operate on behalf of Moreton Bay Regional Council.

RRA Queensland Manager, Jeff Prater said, "We're excited to bring #Waste2Wages to the Moreton Bay Region. This contract will enable us to create long-term employment, training and development opportunities for Moreton Bay locals experiencing barriers to work."

RRA will begin operations in November 2022, operating the Redcliffe Waste Management Facility and Dayboro Waste Management Facility on behalf of Moreton Bay Regional Council.

"For over thirty years, Resource Recovery Australia has worked alongside councils to create meaningful job opportunities."

"Our #Waste2Wages model diverts waste from landfill to benefit the environment and local communities."

The new contract will create more than 12 jobs with a focus on employment opportunities for people experiencing barriers to work including indigenous people, long-term unemployed, early school leavers with numeracy and literacy barriers, people who have never had a job before, young people and older people.

"Last financial year RRA diverted over 9,270 tonnes of waste from landfill, the equivalent of over 1,000 garbage compactor trucks. This work created 183 employment opportunities, over 75% of the team were experiencing barriers to work when they started their job," Mr Prater explained.

The Moreton Bay contract sees RRA operate transfer stations and weighbridges creating opportunities for machine operation, weighbridge operation and further waste diversion.

"Machine and weighbridge operations provide important opportunities, building skills and confidence and creating long-term career paths for people experiencing barriers to work," Mr Prater said.

## **#WASTE2WAGES**

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