

Cleaning up Melbourne is more than just the Yarra

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With the carbon tax repeal providing a mixed bag of statements from both political parties action has been taken by Greg Hunt in providing Federal funding for the Yarra River.

Hunt recently announced Federal funding as part of the “Love The Yarra” campaign, however mounting street litter and increases in public waste output have only compounded the city’s waste issue.

And rural Australia is leading the way showing the big cities how to clean up their act.

The rollout of solar powered rubbish compactors which compact rubbish at street level and monitor waste remotely via technology have already resulted in various rural councils gaining a significant positive impact on their bottom line.

[A recent trial in Nambucca Heads, NSW](#), BigBelly Solar Compactor trials have reduced waste collection frequencies by up to 85% resulting in a significant reduction in carbon emissions and servicing costs by Nambucca Shire council.

Leon Hayes, spokesperson for BigBelly Solar Compactors Australia, states “Australia is the second highest producer per person of waste in the world, equating to approximately 650 kilograms per person per year. This is expected to rise significantly in the next 4 years and something must be done. That’s the equivalent of 3 million full trucks per year travelling on Australian roads”. Stated Hayes.

Currently, Australian councils spend upwards of \$2500 per year servicing rubbish bins in areas such as city streets, parks, public spaces and stadiums and BigBelly are claiming to be able to roll out stations for \$149 per month for public space areas.

We are literally the “Uber of Rubbish Bins”, allowing councils and waste managers to monitor their waste from any phone of laptop to ensure transparency and efficiency”. States Hayes.

The solar compactors have had a significant positive impact in the US and UK with [Mayor Bloomberg rolling](#) out the stations in early 2013 to tackle public waste in New York City. [London](#) and [Philadelphia](#) have followed suit.

The public space recycling program was launched in April 2007 is part of New York City’s comprehensive 20-year Solid Waste Management Plan.

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