

# Media Release

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## UN PARTNERSHIP TRAINING BOOST TO RECYCLING VICTORIA

The Andrews Labor Government has enlisted the help of the United Nations System Staff College to give those leading the transition to Victoria's circular economy the best knowledge and practice to get the job done.

Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) will host the six week course for up to 300 participants set to benefit from distinguished experts, international best practice and case studies to give them the skills to champion sustainable practices in their workplaces and local communities.

The course examines topics such as turning waste into new products, embedding circular economy criteria in procurements and offering lifetime repairs on products.

The United Nations System Staff College is a centre of excellence for training and knowledge within the UN. It offers programmes in leadership and management to address the challenges posed by the adoption of Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.

The Andrews Government's *Recycling Victoria* policy will create a state-wide recycling system including supporting the state's councils as they transition to a four-bin household recycling system and delivering the new Container Deposit Scheme, which will reduce Victoria's litter by up to half.

The Andrews Government is investing \$515 million towards transformation of the waste and recycling sector, which will create around 3,900 jobs.

Applications are open now with the course taking place for six weeks from 21 February 2022. For more information on the course visit: <https://mwrrg.vic.gov.au/circulareconomy>

For more information on Recycling Victoria go to: <https://www.vic.gov.au/transforming-recycling-victoria>

### Quotes attributable to Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio

*"We're excited to partner—in a global first—with the United Nations System Staff College to deliver this course to build our skills and capacity to transition to a circular economy."*

*"This course will help councils and the waste sector to deliver the ambitious targets set out in Recycling Victoria: a new economy plan so we can reduce waste, boost jobs and tackle climate change."*

### Quotes attributable to Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group CEO, Jill Riseley

*"We're helping to bring international knowledge and expertise in how to build a circular economy to Victoria. Councils are at the forefront of this transition which is why we're prioritising their participation."*