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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **NAWMA strikes a recycling deal**

South Australian local government recycling entity Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) has entered a three-year deal with an Australian paper manufacturer that will see recycled paper from residents' yellow top bins turned into *Advertiser* newspapers.

The agreement between NAWMA and the New South Wales based paper mill will reduce the impact of the recently introduced China SWORD policy by keeping most of residents' recycled goods in - Australia.

NAWMA chairman Brian Cunningham said the deal will create a new domestic market for the community's recycled materials and reduce its reliance on overseas markets.

"We're thrilled to have found a local Australian solution to what has recently become a nationwide issue," Mr Cunningham said.

The recycled paper into newspaper arrangement was signed on 1 May 2018, and will start in September creating two full-time jobs at NAWMA's Material Recovery Facility (MRF) in Edinburgh, in Adelaide's north.

In the interim, NAWMA continues its call on the State Government to release some of the \$100M of solid waste levy funds to support local government and industry transition to more of these types of new markets.

NAWMA collects about 120,000 yellow-top bins a fortnight, with half the contents being paper or cardboard and the rest plastic, glass, aluminium, metal and waste materials.

Currently paper is sent to international markets for pulping and turning into new products with glass, aluminium, metals, and much of the plastics sent into domestic markets.

The announcement today will result in the trucks that deliver *Advertiser* Newspapers to South Australia returning to the Paper Mill full of residents' recycled paper which has been recovered from their yellow-top recycling bin, ready to be made into new newspapers.

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