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A new generation of green innovation

Leading the way in greener waste management SITA Environmental Solutions' (SITA) brand-new fleet of kerbside collection vehicles, powered by compressed natural gas (CNG), was officially commissioned on the weekend.

In a South Australian first, the use of CNG waste collection powered trucks is an environmentally friendly alternative to the use of diesel. Using CNG in the new truck fleet will provide real outcomes for the environment as the vehicles will emit far less greenhouse gas emissions than those running on diesel.

SITA's 23 strong collection fleet will service the Northern Adelaide Waste Management Authority (NAWMA) council regions of Playford, Salisbury and Gawler with fortnightly recycling and garden and food organics collections and a weekly general waste collection.

The trucks will refuel at NAWMA's new \$2million Elizabeth West CNG refuelling station which was also officially commissioned on Saturday by the South Australian State Minister for Science, Michael O'Brien and the Chairman of NAWMA, Councillor Brian Goodall.

In addition to the CNG tanks, the new trucks are fitted with on-board computers to capture data each time household bins are emptied.

"Location data, time of collection and individual bin information is gathered and transmitted instantly to a central data base allowing NAWMA to track its kerbside collection services for timely and efficient waste management and excellent customer service," Cr Goodall said.

In recent years, NAWMA has increased diversion of waste from landfill significantly through extensive recycling of household waste products, garden and food organics. NAWMA, which serves a population of around 230,000, manages over 150,000 collections of household waste, recyclables, garden and food organics from the kerbside each week.

Cr Goodall said NAWMA's waste management services had evolved to meet the needs of one of Australia's fastest growing urban areas.

Image SA Truck Fleet launch. High image resolution available.

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