



LEADING THE WAY: Instant Waste managing director Sam Mangione (left) with Environment Minister Bill Marmion at the company's new facility, which can separate recyclable and non-recyclable C&D waste. **Photo: Bohdan Warchomij**

Perrignon to leave Satterley

PROPERTY developer Nick Perrignon has resigned from the state's market leading Satterley Property Group to take up a new role at another private player, the Simpson family's Rockingham Park Estates.

Mr Perrignon was a major appointment for Satterley in 2009 when he joined as chief operating officer, returning to Perth from Sydney where he had been Stockland's national COO for residential communities.

Rockingham Park's major operations are in the Baldivis and Waikiki areas in the south coastal part of the metropolitan area. It is part of the same family business as builder Summit Homes, and is the state's 18th biggest developer.

Satterley managing director Nigel Satterley confirmed the departure at the end of February and announced that CFO Tony Carr would be stepping up to the newly created role of deputy managing director. In addition, Mr Carr will expand the Satterley board to five directors. The board is chaired by ex-Deloitte managing partner Tom Lang and includes Mr Satterley, Hawaiian CEO Russell Gibbs, and lawyer Michael Lurie.

Mr Satterley said he was also in the throes of making another senior executive appointment to bolster his management team.

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C&D recycling rate on track

■ Shanna Crispin

THE state government has reaffirmed its opposition to raising the landfill levy while announcing that its ambitious recycling targets are becoming increasingly achievable.

The government plans to increase the amount of waste recycled from construction and demolition sources across the state from the 29 per cent recorded in 2009-10 to 60 per cent by 2015.

Construction and demolition waste accounts for more than half of the all waste generated in WA, making it a key focus for reducing how much waste is sent to landfill.

Waste Authority chair Marcus Geisler this week announced solid progress in recycling rates, with estimates that just under half the waste produced was recycled during 2011-12.

"It looks like we're catching up; for 2011-12 we're now looking at a C&D recycling rate of around 47 per cent, so the 60 per cent should be easy to achieve in 2015," Mr Geisler said.

"This is an incredibly encouraging increase, demonstrating that there are people across different organisations looking to do the right thing. I'm feeling confident that we have the

capacity to be able to reach the targets."

A new facility that separates recyclable and non-recyclable C&D waste has provided a boost for the government's efforts.

The plant at Instant Waste's Bayswater site is the first of its kind in WA and will be able to process up to 200,000 tonnes of waste annually once fully operational in about two months' time.

Instant Waste managing director Sam Mangione told *WA Business News* the \$10 million capital cost represented an investment amounting to about 10 to 15 per cent of the company's total yearly revenue.

Environment Minister Bill Marmion said the plant would provide significant help to the state's recycling target, but was reluctant to say whether the government should be putting its hand in its pocket to help fund such infrastructure.

"That always is an option, but if the market can do that itself that's the ideal way to go," he said.

"There are other policy initiatives and interactions with the market, such as the waste management levy, that can be looked at to control those sorts of situations.

"Certainly they're the sorts of things we can look at to make sure that down the track we

keep going towards our 60 and 75 per cent targets."

Industry sentiment is that the landfill levy should be increased to deter waste generators from dumping waste that could be recycled.

But Mr Marmion reaffirmed his long-held view that the levy would not be increased from the current \$12 per tonne of inert landfill in the short term.

"That will be a budgetary consideration ... it's a policy thing we can use if we require it down the track; but at the moment there are no plans to change the current levy for landfill," Mr Marmion said.

He said a facility such as Instant Waste's provided an incentive for waste generators to recycle because it eradicated the need for them to separate waste at the source.

Builders and developers previously had to separate recyclable and non-recyclable waste, but the new facility can take mixed waste and separate it automatically.

It's expected that about 95 per cent of waste processed will be converted into reusable products with the remainder going to landfill until a waste to energy solution can be found.

The Environmental Protection Authority is currently assessing the potential for waste to energy plants in WA.

Mine institute taking shape

MINES and Petroleum Minister Norman Moore has appointed 35-year resources industry veteran Mark Woffenden as chief executive officer at the state government's new Western Australian Minerals Research Institute.

Mr Woffenden is the outgoing head of Curtin University's Resources and Chemistry Precinct, and has previously worked with major resources players including Rio Tinto, Hamersley Iron, Comalco Aluminium, and KPMG Consulting.

WAMRI will develop new mineral discovery, extraction and recovery technologies, helping previously uneconomic deposits become attractive to industry.

The institute's board is made up of: BHP Billiton senior research and development manager Peter Lilly; Australian Petroleum Production and Exploration Association chief operating officer for western region Stedman Ellis; Rio Tinto innovation general manager Andrew Shook; Resource Capital Funds managing partner James McClements; and Phil Lockyer and Associates director Phil Lockyer.

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