

Reducing Disposable Nappies to Landfill

Port Adelaide Enfield Council are the first council in South Australia to offer local residents the opportunity to sample a range of cloth nappies.

The council is partnering with KESAB *environmental solutions* to educate residents on the impacts of disposable nappies on the environment. In Australia it is estimated that 2.1 billion disposable nappies are buried in landfill each year.

Findings from a recent kerbside waste bin audit undertaken in the Council area showed disposable plastic nappies make up 6% of all waste in household bins.



Our aim is to divert 75% of material from landfill. This can be achieved through avoidance and recycling. By avoiding disposable nappies and encouraging cloth nappies as an alternative, we can achieve up to 6% less waste going to landfill.

“This is a great incentive for parents to try cloth nappies to see if it suits them and their baby. The environmental and financial benefits are quite significant” says Grace Barila Project Coordinator from KESAB *environmental solutions*.

“We have learnt the message about recycling, but here is one about avoidance. KESAB will be running information sessions about the environmental benefits of cloth nappies and innovative education organisation Eco Bums will demonstrate how easy it is for mums and dads to embrace cloth nappies as an option” said Grace Barila.

KESAB and council are using the services of Eco Bums and their cloth nappy library to provide residents with a pack of cloth nappies to trial over 2 weeks. Council will subsidise the cost to hire the nappies.

Advantages of cloth nappies have come a long way since terry towelling squares. Modern versions are much more absorbent, less bulky, easier to wash and are just as easy to use as disposables – and they look great!



For further information, go to the Eco Bum website (www.ecobumsclothnappies.com) or contact Grace Barila, Environmental Manager on 0406 001 216.