



#### **4. Bulky waste characterisation**

##### Project description

The Bulky Waste Characterisation project will undertake a visual examination of a representative sample of vehicles delivering bulky waste to disposal facilities at Balcatta and Tamala Park and conduct mechanical sorting to identify key products in each waste stream delivered.

While the MRC has taken steps to divert the amount of household waste going to landfill by the use of Alternative Waste Technology, very little action has been taken to divert the other major waste streams that make up the significant proportion of solid waste going to landfill at Tamala Park.

This project is designed to identify the makeup of these various waste streams, identify their sources (where they represent a single significant source). This information will then allow the MRC and the City of Stirling to redesign their respective transfer stations including changing policy and materials handling procedures to increase the amount of waste diverted from landfill. Records kept by the MRC show that household waste makes up less than half of the waste received at the Tamala Park landfill site.