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WHEELS IN MOTION TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Foodbank NSW & ACT is on track to double the quantity of food it salvages and distributes to those in need thanks to a new refrigerated truck partly funded by the NSW Government's Waste Less Recycle More initiative, Environment Minister Mark Speakman announced today.

The truck will help Foodbank salvage and distribute 7,500 tonnes of food to those in need each year through its Project Salvation program and deliver more than 45 million meals over its lifetime.

The NSW Government provided a total of \$1.1 million in funding to support Foodbank NSW & ACT's Project Salvation, including \$219,600 to purchase the new truck.

"Households and businesses in NSW throw away almost a million tonnes of food waste each year. The new truck will help Foodbank redistribute perfectly good food that would otherwise go to landfill," Mr Speakman said.

"The NSW Government is committed to changing behaviour when it comes to food waste and addressing food insecurity for thousands of adults and children."

Foodbank NSW & ACT CEO, Gerry Andersen, said the new truck would make an immediate and significant impact to those in need in the community.

"The new truck is a vital addition to Foodbank NSW & ACT's resources, and will ensure we can assist the growing number of adults and children who are struggling with food insecurity. It's an unfortunate fact that each month more than 7,000 Australians in NSW and the ACT cannot be assisted due to lack of food and resources, and the funding from the NSW Government will go a long way towards addressing the issue," Mr Andersen said.