

## Organic Materials Sector Group Work Plan 2019/2020

**Vision:** To minimise the generation of residual organic materials, and maximise the value of residual organic materials, ensuring their beneficial reuse

Note: Activities shaded in gray are completed. Activities without shading are in progress or planned

| <b>Project 1</b> |   | <b>Determine the extent to which clopyralid is impacting production and sale of compost products and identify solutions</b> |                  |
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| Activities       |   | Timeframe   | Project Lead     |
| 1.1              | Survey conducted of compost manufacturers to determine on going presence of clopyralid in composting products. (Completed)  | 2014  | Joanne McGregor  |
| 1.2              | Determine whether a request to the EPA for the status of clopyralid to be reassessed is appropriate. (Completed)  | 2015  | Joanne McGregor  |
| 1.3              | Assemble background and supporting information for application completed  | 2015  | Joanne McGregor  |
| 1.4              | Apply for the status of clopyralid to be reassessed completed. The EPA agreed that there were grounds for the status to be reassessed   | 2015  | Joanne McGregor  |
| 1.5              | Develop a communications strategy to promote the correct usage of clopyralid containing products.   | 2019  |                  |
| 1.6              | Implement the communications strategy   | 2019  |                  |
| 1.7              | Ensure that the pre Dec 2017 controls on Clopyralid remain in force.  | 2019+   |                  |
| <b>Project 2</b> |   | <b>Compostable serveware and packaging</b>  |                  |
| Activities       |   | Timeframe   | Project Lead     |
| 2.1              | Provide stakeholder input into the Packaging Forum's project on determining a suitable standard for compostable packaging and the creation of a label and certification scheme. | 2018  | Daniel O'Carroll |
| 2.2              | If there is a need hold a stakeholder meeting for compost manufacturers to seek feedback on suitable standards and solutions to issues facing composters                        | 2018  | Jenny Marshall   |
| 2.3              | Develop an online resource where event organisers and companies wishing to use compostable cups can easily see if there is a composting facility in their area.                 | 2018  | Jenny Marshall   |
| 2.4              | Develop factsheets explaining the difference between degradable biodegradable and compostable items   | March 2019  | Sarah Pritchett  |
| 2.5              | Develop guidelines explaining how manufacturers should substantiate claims around biodegradability  | April 2019  | Sarah Pritchett  |
| 2.6              | Develop a communications strategy to promote the factsheets and guidelines  | April 2019  | Sarah Pritchett  |

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| 2.7              | Contact manufacturers who are in breach of the guidelines and inform them of what they need to do to comply  | May 2019   | Sarah Pritchett                                 |
| 2.6              | Support Scions project to conduct practical tests at composting facilities to determine whether international standards are a good predictor of successful decomposition in New Zealand composting facilities. | 2019/ 2020   | Jenny Marshall<br>Daniel O'Carroll<br>Mike Lord |
| <b>Project 3</b> |  | <b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>                                    |   |
| Activities       |  | Timeframe  | Project Lead                                    |
| 3.1              | Identify top 10 industry stakeholders and contact them over the next year to promote the composting industry   | 2019/2020  | tbd   |
| 3.2              | Identify opportunities such as conferences, industry publications etc. where the benefits of compost and soil amendment products can be promoted.  | 2019/2020  | tbd   |
| <b>Project 4</b> |  | <b>Health and Safety guidelines for organic waste facilities</b> |   |
| Activities       |  | Time Frame   | Project Lead                                    |
| 4.1              | Investigate to see what fire risk documentation exists and what is required  | 2019   | Nic Quilty                                      |