

Tonga – Waste Authority Limited

# TONGA'S TIGHTROPE

## THE COST OF GIVING

**Presented by Lola Tonga & Stalin Naufahu**

Join us at WasteMINZ to explore Tonga's waste crisis, where cultural generosity meets environmental impact. Discover hidden costs and see what Tonga's doing about it..





# WHO WE ARE

## WASTE AUTHORITY LIMITED

### Public Enterprise

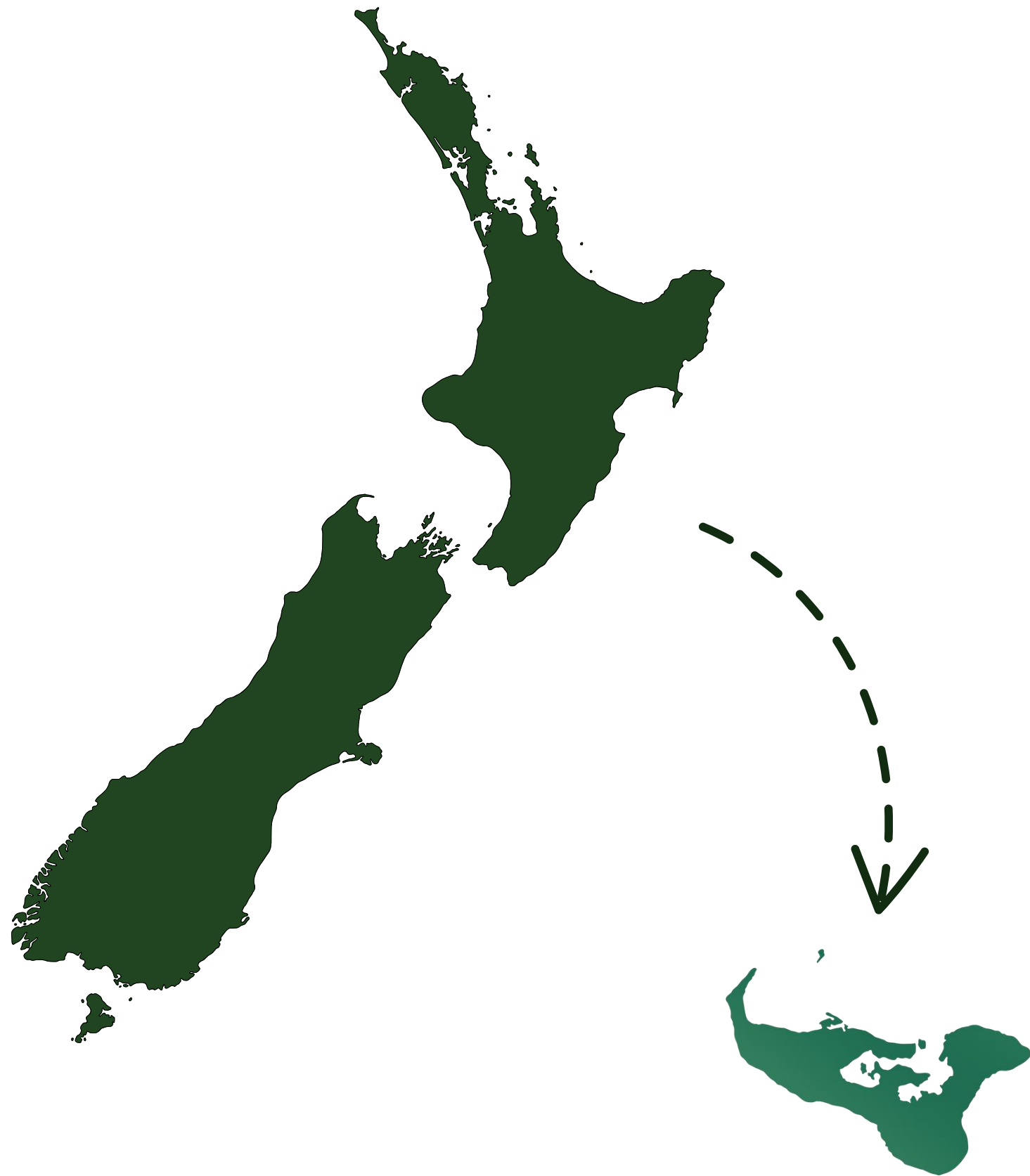
Established in 2006 under the Waste Management Act 2005, Waste Authority Limited is the only entity within Tonga that is mandated to manage and dispose of all waste throughout the Kingdom.



### Our Vision

A Clean, Green, and Healthy Tonga



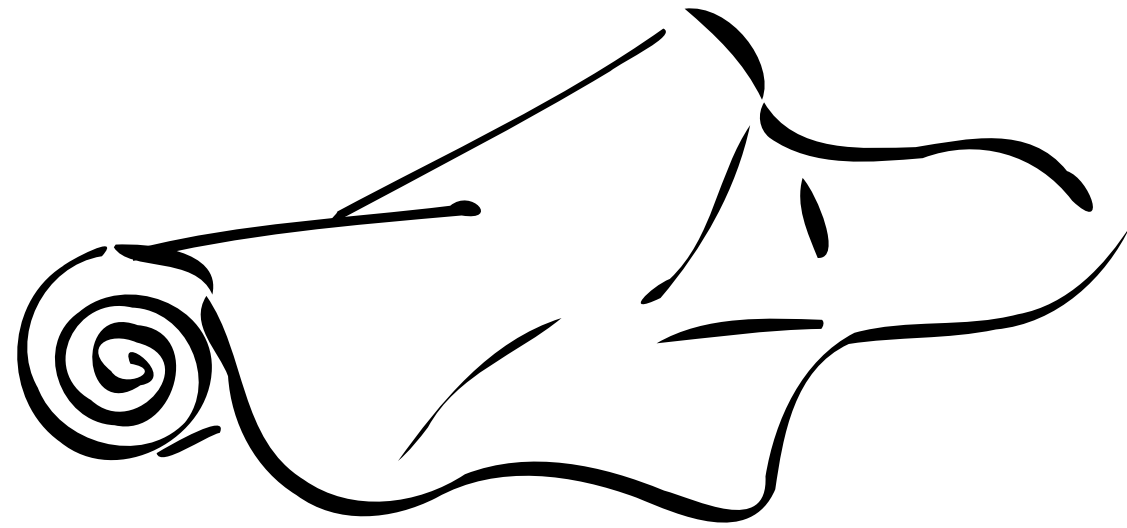


**23.5%**

**OF ALL IMPORTS IN TONGA  
ARE FROM NEW ZEALAND**

NZ Ranks as the #1 country of origin for  
all imports coming into the Kingdom of  
Tonga





# PRE-LOVED

ISN'T ALWAYS A GOOD  
THING

42.7% to 54% of textile goods coming  
into Tonga each year are second-hand





# 913 TONS

## TEXTILE WASTE PER ANNUM

That's about **8.5 kilograms** of waste per person with a population of **106,858** people.

# 103.38%

## INCREASE IN TEXTILE WASTE

In less than 20 years, textile waste has more than doubled since 2005.



**2005**

4.3KG ANNUALLY  
PER PERSON



**2024**

8.5KG ANNUALLY  
PER PERSON



What drives this  
**complex** dynamic?





A group of young women are performing a traditional hula. They are wearing maroon dresses and large, elaborate leis made of red and yellow flowers and green leaves. They have their hands clasped in front of them and are looking towards the left. The background is a bright, slightly blurred outdoor setting.

It's in our **Culture,**  
and **Habits**



There are challenges in  
**Sustainable:**

Financing  
Society  
Habits







Is there a **solution** to  
all of this?





# WASTE MANAGEMENT LEVY

## OUR SOLUTION

**A levy on the CIF value of all goods coming into the country**

Funding generated from this levy will support the sustainable implementation of mass services, allowing the waste sector to fulfill its obligations in addressing the problem.



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