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Mā te mahi tahi
Driving impact through
collaboration

18–21 May 2026 \\ TSB Arena & Shed 6, Wellington

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Welcome to the WasteMINZ & Australasian Land and Groundwater Association (ALGA) 2026 conference. We are delighted to be delivering this event together and are proud to be bringing the conference theme to life: Mā te mahi tahi - Driving impact through collaboration.

Wellington is the perfect destination for this joint conference, with the general election taking place in November. Expect a lively political panel, moderated by the wonderful Bernard Hickey, a financial and political commentator, who will also be a keynote at the conference.

The programme has been months in the making and reflects the depth and breadth of the waste, resource recovery, and contaminated land and groundwater sectors. It includes over 120 presentations, six keynotes, nine panel discussions, a collaborative session, four workshops, two site visits, an Awards for Excellence session, a gala dinner and two networking events. Thank you to those of you who submitted abstracts for presentations, agreed to be on panel discussions, developed workshop content (there are three working groups), and approved site visits. You made the programme what it is – diverse and filled with numerous opportunities to challenge the status quo, increase knowledge, explore new ideas, and celebrate excellence.

For those of you who are sponsoring and exhibiting at the conference. Thank you! We recognise you will be sponsoring and exhibiting for various reasons, and we are committed to providing you with the best experience possible!

Registrations have been flooding in, and we are expecting 600 to 650 delegates representing consultancies, central and local government, construction and demolition operators, community organisations, equipment manufacturers, food rescuers, laboratories, landfill operators, waste and recycling operators, local government, material recovery facilities, packaging manufacturers, researchers, academics, retailers, waste educators, and zero waste advocates. If you have already registered, thank you for choosing to be part of this conference. We know you have many choices of where to spend your ever-tightening budgets.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at the inaugural WasteMINZ ALGA 2026 Conference.

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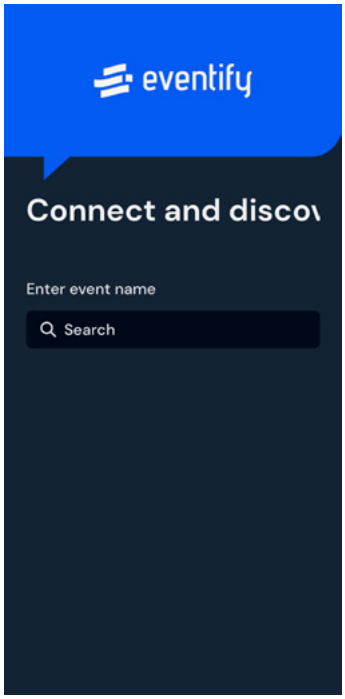

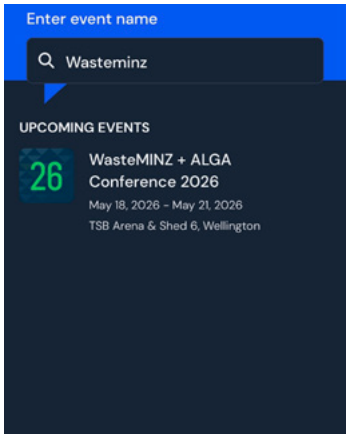

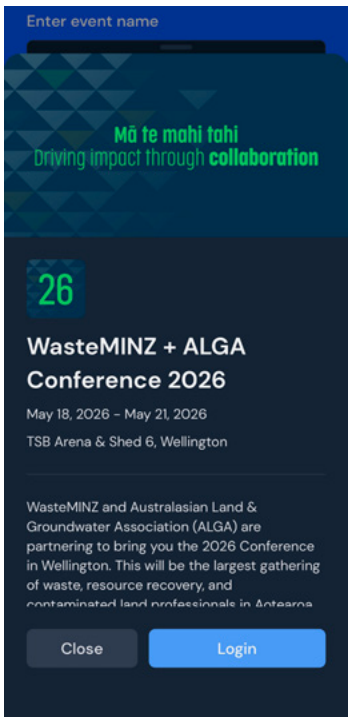

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Repair Network Aotearoa leads the repair movement in Aotearoa. Guided by Te Tiriti o Waitangi obligations, we look beyond the circular economy to strengthen community resilience, advocating for durable product design and repair access. Through grassroots events and skill-sharing, we empower businesses and communities to build an equitable, waste-free future.

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keynote speakers

HELMUT KAREWA MODLIK

Tumu Whakarae - CEO

Helmut is an experienced director, executive, and consultant with extensive experience across the private and public sector and with specialist skills in business and economic development, strategic planning, change management, and finance. Helmut's work over the last 20 years has focused on chief executive leadership of private sector company mergers, turnarounds, and business improvements. Since 2020 Helmut has been CEO of Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira, with executive and governance responsibilities across a broad range of social and commercial enterprises.

TUESDAY 19 MAY

He waka e noa: We are all in this together!

When the Tainui waka arrived in Aotearoa 900 years ago, those aboard found an environment dramatically different to their tropical homeland. Their response was to change themselves, their habits, and practices to feed, clothe, and house themselves to live sustainably. 700 years later others arrived with a different philosophy that led them to cut, burn, dig, and build, changing what they found to fit themselves. We still live with the legacy of those opposing approaches to life in these beautiful islands.

Albert Einstein said, "we cannot solve our problems with the same thinking we used when we created them". Stephen Covey championed the transformative power of open minds and hearts to receiving insights that can change paradigms and enable radically improved outcomes.

Ngāti Toa Rangatira CEO Helmut Modlik contends that indigenous tikanga-based thinking and western technology-dominated approaches need not be in opposition but can complement each other for enhanced outcomes. He will offer insights enabling a paradigm shift in the way we think about the waste and resource recovery industry and how we can work together as "kaitiaki" or stewards to leave a legacy of outcomes that our grandchildren will bless us for.

keynote speakers

DR MAI CHEN

Dr Mai Chen (LLB (Hons) (Otago), (LLM (Harvard), HonLLD (Otago), CMInstD), is a top barrister in NZ and President of NZ Asian Lawyers. She was previously:

- Managing Partner, Chen Palmer Public and Employment Law Specialists
- Independent non-executive Director, Bank of New Zealand Board and chair of the People and Remuneration Committee
- Member of the New Zealand Securities Commission
- Adjunct Professor at the University of Auckland Business School and Law School
- Inaugural Chair of NZ Global Women
- Top 10 finalist, 2014 and 2016 New Zealander of the Year
- Top 50 Diversity Figures in Public Life, Global Diversity List supported by The Economist

Mai has advised on the regulation and legislation concerning waste minimisation and the RMA for many years.

TUESDAY 19 MAY

How to succeed when laws keep changing affecting waste: How do you best position your self/entity and be effective?

In this keynote, Mai will explore how organisations can stay effective and strategically positioned amid constant legislative change in the waste and environmental sectors. She will unpack the fast moving landscape of law reform - from ongoing updates to the Natural Environment and Planning Bills to the evolving Fast-track Approvals Act and upcoming amendments to the Waste Minimisation and Litter Acts. Mai will discuss what can realistically be expected before Parliament rises prior to the election later this year, and what those timelines mean for planning and compliance. She will also explain how best to lobby for the policy and law changes you want – and do not want.

Beyond understanding what's changing, Mai will focus on how to operate proactively: staying informed through key government updates, recognising critical reform milestones, and identifying where influence can still be applied before decisions are finalised. Attendees will gain insights into how to position their organisations effectively in the face of overlapping reforms across environmental regulation, planning frameworks, and local government – ensuring they're not only prepared for new legislation but able to help shape it before it's too late.

keynote speakers

HON NICOLA GRIGG

Nicola Grigg is the Minister for the Environment, Minister of State for Trade, Minister for Women, and Associate Minister for ACC. Nicola has been the MP for Selwyn since 2020.

Nicola was born and raised on the family sheep and beef farm in Mt Somers, and studied at the New Zealand Broadcasting School, graduating with a Degree in Broadcast Communications and Diplomas in Television and Radio News.

Nicola has worked as a reporter and newsreader and with a wide range of agri-businesses in export marketing and business development.

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

Hon. Nicola Grigg, Minister for the Environment

BERNARD HICKEY

Bernard Hickey is a financial and political commentator who produces two daily podcasts and newsletters about Aotearoa's political economy and global finance. He has covered politics and economics for 35 years from Auckland, Wellington, Canberra, Sydney, London, Singapore and New York, as well as co-founded online news publishing businesses, including Newsroom, Interest.co.nz and The Kaka.

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

NZ's political economy in a world of wars, climate change and elections

Independent commentator Bernard Hickey will present on how New Zealand's political economy is coping with existential challenges in the global economy, geopolitics and from climate change. With just months until the election, change and opportunity abound — for some.

keynote speakers

DR NICK KIM

Dr Nick Kim is a Senior Lecturer in Applied Environmental Chemistry at Massey University's School of Health Sciences in Wellington, New Zealand, where he oversees environmental health programmes, teaches topics in toxicology, environmental monitoring and risk assessment, and supervises postgraduate research. Holding a first-class BSc(Hons) and PhD in Environmental Chemistry from the University of Canterbury, he has over three decades of experience bridging applied environmental chemistry, human health risk assessment and natural resource management. His career includes 11 years lecturing at the University of Waikato, a decade as Science Advisor at Waikato Regional Council (where he led contaminated site investigations, regional air/soil/water monitoring and made contributions to national standards such as the NES for Contaminants in Soil), and 13 years at Massey, together with a six-month secondment as Senior Policy Advisor at the Ministry for Primary Industries. Dr Kim has provided technical support for a wide range of government initiatives, acted as an independent hearings commissioner under the RMA, and contributed to reviews of methamphetamine testing practices, ecological soil guideline values, and chemical regulation in Aotearoa. In his keynote he will draw on this practical and policy experience to examine the transition in New Zealand's environmental limits under the reformed resource management framework, highlighting the inevitable interplay of science, policy choices, community values and practical compromises.

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

Environmental limits in transition: Science, policy, and community aspirations in New Zealand's new resource management framework

In this talk Nick will explore the major shift in New Zealand's environmental management framework, focusing on Resource Management Act reforms and what they mean for setting environmental limits. He will explain why the idea of purely 'science-based' limits is misleading—standards are always shaped by policy choices, human values, and practical compromises, even when informed by science. The presentation will look at different ways limits are set, from precautionary to risk-based approaches, and how the new system will place greater emphasis on 'balanced judgement' by councils to reflect community aspirations. Nick will also examine the range of possible purposes for soil limits, and illustrate some concepts with case studies on methamphetamine (purpose creep), arsenic in drinking-water (policy compromise), and fluorine in soils (problem definition). Future environmental limits will be set following a central government methodology. The talk concludes by arguing for a transparent, problem-led process that integrates scientific information with community priorities to achieve environmental protection that is both effective and socially legitimate.

keynote speakers

GEOFF COOPER

Geoff is the Chief Executive of Te Waihanga, the New Zealand Infrastructure Commission. Prior to this, he's worked at the United States Federal Reserve and is a former Chief Economist at both PwC and Auckland Council. He holds a Master of Economics with First Class Honours from the University of Auckland and a Master of Public Affairs from Princeton University.

THURSDAY 21 MAY

National Infrastructure Plan

Geoff will discuss the National Infrastructure Plan that was published in December last year. The Plan sets out a practical, affordable pathway to deliver the infrastructure New Zealanders need to thrive over the next 30 years. It identifies 16 recommendations across four areas where New Zealand needs to lift performance and highlights 10 priorities for the decade ahead.

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NICOLA TURNER

Nicola Turner is a speaker, best-selling author and the driving force behind Mainstream Green. After 15 years in the global consumer goods industry—where she learnt far too much about how we all behave in the supermarket—she shifted gears. Now, she's on a mission to rethink consumption and make sustainability easy, normal, and feel good. Drawing on her deep understanding of human behaviour and real-world sustainability experience, Nic empowers individuals, organisations, and communities to embrace sustainability in a way that works for them. In practical and doable ways, she inspires action that creates meaningful change.

panel discussions

TUESDAY 19 MAY **7.00-8.15**	**Women in the Industry**
TUESDAY 19 MAY **11.00-12.30**	**Reclaiming resources: Optimising soil reuse**
TUESDAY 19 MAY **13.30-15.00**	**Kerbside services under pressure - costs, contamination and competing expectations**
TUESDAY 19 MAY **13.30-15.00**	**Retail sector challenges**
TUESDAY 19 MAY **15.30-16.30**	**Political panel**
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY **8.30-10.30**	**Drawing lines in the land: Limits, targets, interventions**
WEDNESDAY 20 MAY **13.30-15.00**	**Building disaster waste systems before the next event**
THURSDAY 21 MAY **9.00-10.30**	**What do we want the sector to look like in the future and how do we get there?**
THURSDAY 21 MAY **11.00-12.30**	**Mātauranga informing future management of waste and contaminants**

collaborative session discussion tables

WEDNESDAY 20 MAY
15.30-16.30

The discussion tables will cover the following topics:

- **Strengthening waste licensing through cross sector collaboration**
- **Beyond recovery: Reflections on scaling the repair economy in Aotearoa**
- **Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land**
- **How could government policy support the move from waste management to resource recovery?**

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10.00-10.15	**Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* **Welcome and orientation**
10.15-10.30	**Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* , **Kim Wepasnick** *Toitu Te Whenua | Land Information New Zealand* & **Katy Grant** *Pattle Delamore Partners* **Case study overview** Introduction to the three case studies: • Case Study A: Hanmer Springs Forest Camp (Jollies Pass Road) • Case Study B: Horopito / Former motor wrecker site (railway land) • Case Study C: Avondale (Auckland) development site – Kāinga Ora Note: Each session will reference these case studies as practical examples and discussion/reference points.
10.30-11.30	**Bridget Derham** *Fulton Hogan,* **Isaac Hardy-Ward** *Tonkin + Taylor,* **Kevin Tearney** *SLR Consulting,* **Sarah Schiess** *Tonkin + Taylor,* **Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* & **Stephanie Dijkstra** *WSP* **Groundwater contamination dynamics & Conceptual Site Models (CSMs)** • Understanding contamination dynamics • Receptor issues • Developing and applying CSMs (physical and chemical) • Table discussion: Describe the CSM for each case study
11.30-12.00	**Samantha Iles** *SLR Consulting,* **Lisa Scott** *Environment Canterbury* & **Stephanie Dijkstra** *WSP* **Setting the scene: Regulatory and commercial drivers & NZ context** • Overview of key regulations and guidance documents • Cross boundary liability/responsibility
12.00-12.45	LUNCH
12.45-13.30	**Stephanie Dijkstra** *WSP* & **Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* **Setting the scene: Regulatory and commercial drivers & NZ context - continued** • Te Ao Māori and indigenous perspectives on groundwater - covering cultural perspectives, mahinga kai considerations, integrating cultural values into conceptual site models • Table discussion: How does the regulatory, commercial and NZ context apply to case studies A, B, and C
13.30-14.45	**Katy Grant** *Pattle Delamore Partners,* **Sarah Schiess** *Tonkin + Taylor* & **Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* **Investigation, assessment & management strategies** • Investigation techniques • Assessment approaches
14.45-15.15	AFTERNOON TEA
15.15-16.00	**Katy Grant** *Pattle Delamore Partners,* **Sarah Schiess** *Tonkin + Taylor* & **Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* **Investigation, assessment & management strategies - continued** • Management strategies • Table discussion: Apply investigation, assessment, and management strategies to case studies A, B, and C through discussion and short exercises
16.00-16.45	**Kevin Tearney** *SLR Consulting,* **Kim Wepasnick** *Toitu Te Whenua | Land Information New Zealand* & **Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* **Reporting and lessons learned** • Reporting (good versus poor practice) • Key elements of effective reporting • Regulatory compliance and communication • Table discussion: Lessons learned and reference back to case studies A, B, and C
16.45-17.00	**Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* **Closing** • Assessment and modelling tools • Guidance documents and references available
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10.00-10.05	**Morgan Harrison** *Chair TAO Forum* **Karakia tīmatanga & welcome**
10.05-10.50	**Icebreaker**
10.50-11.10	**Morgan Harrison** *Chair TAO Forum* Update from TAO Forum Steering Committee
11.10-12.00	**Ministry for the Environment update**
12.00-12.45	LUNCH
12.45-13.25	**Case studies/presentations plus Q+A**
	Zoe Yandell *Tonkin + Taylor* & **Stefni Wilson** *Napier City Council* Closing the strategy–execution gap: Turning a WMMP from a static document into a living, impactful roadmap
	Deepa Goswami *Porirua City Council* Play smart. Sort right.
13.25-13.45	OPEN SHARING OPPORTUNITY: **Local Government Waste Policy Manifesto – results of engagement with stakeholders – internal or external**
13.45-14.45	TABLE DISCUSSION: **Influential conversations: Engaging the right people in the right way** Facilitators: **Morgan Harrison** *Whanganui District Council* & **Angela Atkins** *Hastings District Council*
14.45-15.15	AFTERNOON TEA
15.15-15.30	**Sophie Wolland** *Love Food Hate Waste NZ* Love Food Hate Waste NZ: A look ahead
15.30-16.30	WORKSHOP: **Preventing and addressing littering and illegal dumping** Exploring the shared and distinct challenges and opportunities for mismanaged waste Facilitators: **Bonnie Apps** & **Lisa Hack** *Auckland Council*
16.30-16.45	**Using the hive mind** Interactive session with quick fire questions for all those things you've always wanted to know about what your fellow TAs are up to
16.45-16.55	**Final Q+A, wrap up**
16.55-17.00	**Morgan Harrison** *Chair TAO Forum* **Closeout and karakia ki te mūtunga to whakamūtunga**
from 17.30	NETWORKING DRINKS | OFF SITE

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DAY 1 MONDAY 18 MAY

EMERGING CONTAMINATED LAND MANAGEMENT AND GROUNDWATER PROFESSIONALS WORKSHOP

This interactive workshop is designed for early career professionals, providing practical exposure to contaminated land and groundwater practice. The workshop combines regulatory context, field and laboratory fundamentals, and essential professional development skills. The Emerging Contaminated Land Management and Groundwater Professionals Workshop runs in parallel with the CLM Workshop and is tailored for professionals with approximately 0 to 3 years' industry experience. Sessions focus on building foundational knowledge, practical understanding, and professional confidence.

12.30 REGISTRATION | TSB ARENA MERCHANDISE KIOSK & COFFEE | OUTSIDE APW ROOM

ROOM APW

13.00-13.45 **Michelle Begbie** *Waikato Regional Council* & **Rachel Rait** *Department of Conservation*

Session 1: Regulatory and industry fundamentals

Understanding the framework you work within

This session provides a clear, high-level overview of the regulatory landscape governing contaminated land and groundwater work, and how guidance and policy translate into day-to-day practice.

Key themes include:

- Regulatory drivers and industry expectations
- How guidance is applied across projects
- Linking policy, guidance, and site-based decision making
- Understanding roles and responsibilities early in your career

13.45-16.00 **Session 2: From field screening to data use**

Session Moderator: **Kim Harrison** *Hill Labs*

13.45-14.05 **Mike Young** *Verum Group*

Session 2 – Part 1: Sampling intelligently, field screening with XRF

Things to think about when planning your sampling and an introduction to the use of XRF, covering:

- What is XRF
- What it can and cannot tell you
- Appropriate applications and limitations

14.05-14.25 **Graham Corban** *Hill Labs*

Session 2 - Part 2: How a lab works, from field sample to final result

This session demystifies laboratory processes by following soil samples from receipt to reported results, with a focus on:

- How soils are registered, sub sampled and prepared for metals and organics analysis
- How assumptions vs what the lab actually does affects the conclusions of the investigation
- Why a bit more investigation up front could be a good idea for some projects

14.25-14.45 **Graham Corban** *Hill Labs*

Session 2 - Part 3: Helping the lab to help you, setting your samples up for success

A practical look at how field and project decisions affect laboratory outcomes, including:

- Sample submission, handling and preparation factors that drive data quality
- The importance of making sure that what the lab gives you will meet your data quality objectives
- Giving the lab information that may affect the analysis

14.45-15.15 AFTERNOON TEA

15.15-15.40 **Prianshu Chawla** *ALS Environmental NZ*

Session 2 - Part 4: Getting the most from your laboratory provider: Assuring defensible decisions in water testing

In this session we will step through laboratory analysis with a QAQC focus, covering:

- QAQC principles
- Common data quality issues and checks
- How water samples are analysed in laboratories

15.40-16.00 **Kimberley Saflian** *ESdat*

Session 2 - Part 5: Data reporting and results use

Understanding laboratory reports, key qualifiers, and presenting results to support decision making.

This session will focus on how laboratory data is reported and applied, including:

- Understanding the lab report data review and QA/QC process
- Presenting results clearly for decision making
- Tips and tricks for data management

16.00-17.00 **Craig Cowper** *Alliance*

Networking, career development and communication skills

Building your professional foundation

This interactive session focuses on the professional skills that underpin long term career success, with practical guidance tailored to early career professionals.

Key themes include:

- Practical networking strategies for industry events
- Building confidence and professional presence
- Presentation and communication fundamentals
- Career pathways and development insights
- Short participant presentations and facilitated discussion

from 17.30 NETWORKING DRINKS | OFF SITE

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DAY 2 TUESDAY 19 MAY

7.00-8.30 REGISTRATION | EXPO HALL

\\ SESSION ONE

ROOM 1

7.00-8.15 WOMEN IN THE INDUSTRY BREAKFAST

PANEL DISCUSSION

Women in the industry

Panellists: **Kate Butterfield** *Southbase*, **Jasmine Faulkner** *Phoenix Recycling*, **Samantha Iles** *SLR Consulting New Zealand*, **Kim Wepasnick** *Toitu Te Whenua | Land Information New Zealand* & **Erika McDonald** *ENGEO*

Facilitator: **Nic Quilty** *WasteMINZ*

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PLENARY ROOM

8.30-10.30 **MIHI WHAKATAU & OPENING PLENARY**

The Mihi Whakatau will be led by Ali Houpapa and Kurt Komene from Taranaki Whānui

WELCOME **Parul Sood** *WasteMINZ Chair* & **Brendon Love** *ALGA Board Director*

KEYNOTE **Helmut Modlik** *Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira* **He waka e noa: We are all in this together!**

sponsored by REPAIR NETWORK AOTEAROA

KEYNOTE **Dr Mai Chen** How to succeed when laws keep changing affecting waste: How do you best position your self/entity and be effective?

10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA | EXPO HALL

DAY 2 TUESDAY 19 MAY

\\ SESSION TWO

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
11.00-12.30	**BURNING ISSUES**	**RISK ASSESSMENT UNLOCKED: TOOLS, TRUTHS, AND TURNING POINTS**	**UNITED MINDS, SHARED GOALS**	**FLIPPING THE SCRIPT: CO-DESIGNING SOIL REUSE**	**WASTED FOOD**
	Lisa Eve *Whakatāne District Council (formerly Eunomia)* & **Katy Chamley** *Eunomia* Battery sector environmental scan	**Craig Cowper** *Alliance* Contamination isn't the problem - fear is the problem	**Simonne Eldridge** *Tonkin + Taylor* Collaboration across the waste ecosystem – the key to achieving true waste minimisation outcomes	**PANEL DISCUSSION** **Reclaiming resources: Optimising soil reuse** Panellists: **David Duncan** *Fulton Hogan*, **Fraser May** *Civil Contractors New Zealand*, **Lucie Kibblewhite** *Bay of Plenty Regional Council* & **Nicky McIndoe** *Dentons* Facilitator: **Rod Lidgard** *Pattle Delamore Partners*	**Hannah Sherratt** *Health New Zealand* & **Sarahann du Plooy** *Tauranga City Council* Driving food waste reduction through community partnerships in Tauranga
	Lyndon Collie *Auckland Council* Working towards a safer lithium-ion battery future	**Jamie Rhodes** & **Oliver McMillan** *ENGEO* When Tier 1 isn't enough: Understanding the limits of conservative screening criteria	**Nicola Strawbridge** & **Monisha Wylie-Kapoor** *Auckland Council* Collaboration that counts – empowering communities to drive zero waste change across Tāmaki Makaurau		**Rebecca Hayden** *Auckland Council* & **Cole Armstrong** *Counter Factual* Small tests, big shifts: Scaling behaviour change through council-community collaboration
	Spyro Kalos *EcoCycle Group* Lessons from Australia: Building smarter EPR frameworks for New Zealand	**Dave Dangerfield** *EHS Support New Zealand* Naturally occurring asbestos in New Zealand - a fictional risk or significant hazard	**Libby Frude** *Hutt City Council* & **Chris Ellis** *Earthlink Incorporated* Collaboration and constraints: Partnering to increase diversion at Silverstream landfill	**Sarah Newall** *HAIL Environmental*, **Stephen Thomson** *WSP*, **Miles Calder** *Tonkin + Taylor* Common ground: Collaboration towards maximising soil re-use on a large roading project	**Sophie Wolland** *Love Food Hate Waste NZ* & **Nicola Voice** *Woolworths New Zealand* The partnership playbook for cutting household food waste
	Patrick Moynahan *Echo* Scaling e-waste recovery through community partnerships	**Kylie Dodd** *GHD* PFAS Environmental Risk Assessment: Moving beyond Tier 1 criteria		**Tom Wilson** *Protranz Earthmoving* From liability to asset: The business of surplus soil	**Diane Stanbra** *Rescued* Prioritising prevention: Getting to the top of the food waste hierarchy
		Michelle Begbie, **Joshua Evans** & **Jonathan Caldwell** *Waikato Regional Council* Small town, big question: What's in the soil we're throwing away?			
12.30-13.30	LUNCH | EXPO HALL				

DAY 2 TUESDAY 19 MAY

\\ SESSION THREE

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
13.30-15.00	**CHALLENGES IN OUR SECTORS**	**UNPACKING THE UNSEEN: MODERN CONTAMINANTS AND THEIR REAL-WORLD IMPACTS**	**CLOSING THE LOOP**	**MODELLING THE INVISIBLE: FROM PLUMES TO PLANS**	**UNEARTHING THE ISSUES: FROM DEFINITION TO REMEDIATION**
	PANEL DISCUSSION Kerbside services under pressure - costs, contamination and competing expectations Panellists: **Todd McLeay** *Smart Environmental*, **Morgan Harrison** *Whanganui District Council*, **Daniel Yallop** *Re.Group* & **Rachel Reese** *Recycling Leadership Forum* Facilitator: **Michelle Kazor** *Versity*	**Andrew Pearson** *Tonkin + Taylor* Antimony: Silent threat… or just bad press?	**Sei Brown** *Localised* & **Eric Park** *Auckland Council* Moving up the hierarchy together: Auckland Council and Localised scaling Tāmaki Makaurau's Resource Recovery Network	**Katy Grant** *Pattle Delamore Partners* Jollies Pass Road – using Leapfrog to visualise temporal changes to contaminant plume behaviour	*sponsored by* EnviTech **Dave Bull** *HAIL Environmental* What even is a landfill?
		Ella Harford *Fulton Hogan* Archboyd Pump Station: Managing acid sulphate soil and groundwater risks	**Michael Carey** *Sims Metal* Sustainable steelmaking	**Jamie Rhodes** *ENGEO* Mitigating legacy risks in future cities: A geospatial approach to environmental and contaminated land coordination	**Sally Lochhead** *Tonkin + Taylor* Quantifying the unknown – hydrogeological and contaminant transport characterisation of an urban landfill extension, Wellington, New Zealand
	PANEL DISCUSSION Retail sector challenges Panellists: **Catherine Langabeer** *Woolworths New Zealand*, **Sandy Botterill** *Foodstuffs NZ*, **Lucy Kebbell** *Commonsense* & **Carolyn Young** *Retail NZ* Facilitator: **Victoria Carter** *The Packaging Forum*	**Sarah Guy** & **Miles Calder** *Tonkin + Taylor* Sawdust and sandcastles: A tale of unexpected contamination	**Daniel Yallop** *Re.Group* Collaboration at the heart of a container return scheme for Aotearoa	**Tom Wilson** *Protranz Earthmoving* Digital dirt: A guide to an AI-assisted, 3D twin workflow	**Sean Finnigan** *Fraser Thomas* & **Kim Wepasnick** *Toitu Te Whenua | Land Information New Zealand* Investigation and options assessment for management and remediation of the Tokanui Hospital Closed Landfill
		Julia Jaeger *Eurofins* Invisible fallout: Global patterns and sources of atmospheric microplastics		**Zoe Vercoe** *Pattle Delamore Partners* & **Nikhil Susarla** *Watercare* Mapping PFAS risk: Using GIS and cross-collaboration to protect Onehunga's drinking water supply	**Jonathan Shamrock** *Tonkin + Taylor* Calculating leakage rates from landfill liner systems
		Kapish Gobindlal *EDL* Advancing scale-up of mechanochemical destruction for PFAS-impacted soils: Insights from a US Department of Defense project		**Adam Grey** *GHD* Mass flux, max impact: Unlocking the power of mass flux assessment for PFAS management	

DAY 2 TUESDAY 19 MAY

15.00-15.30 AFTERNOON TEA | EXPO HALL

\\ SESSION FOUR

PLENARY ROOM

15.30-16.30 **POLITICAL PANEL**

Panellists: **Simon Court** *ACT Party*, **Catherine Wedd** *NZ National Party*, **Hon Rachel Brooking** *NZ Labour Party*, **Kahurangi Carter** *Green Party of Aotearoa New Zealand* & **Andy Foster** *NZ First*

Facilitator: **Bernard Hickey**

16.30-16.45 Break for attendees prior to the Awards for Excellence

16.45-17.45 AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE | PLENARY ROOM

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17.45-19.30 NETWORKING DRINKS | EXPO HALL

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DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

8.00-8.30 REGISTRATION | EXPO HALL

\\ SESSION ONE

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 2+3
8.30-10.30	**PLENARY**	**BALANCING LIMITS: ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE, POLICY DECISIONS, AND COMMUNITY OUTCOMES**
	KEYNOTE **Hon Nicola Grigg** *Minister for the Environment*	***Note that this session will start after the Minister for the Environment has presented***
	KEYNOTE **Bernard Hickey** NZ's political economy in a world of wars, climate change and elections	**KEYNOTE** **Dr Nick Kim** *Massey University* Environmental limits in transition: Science, policy, and community aspirations in New Zealand's new resource management framework
	Glenn Wigley, Shaun Lewis & **Lorena Stephen** *Ministry for the Environment* MfE work programme	**PANEL DISCUSSION** **Drawing lines in the land: Limits, targets, interventions** Panellists: **Stanley Howell** *Jacobs*, **Graham Aveyard** *SQN Consulting*, **Michelle Begbie** *Waikato Regional Council* & **Warren Sharp** *EHS Support New Zealand* Facilitator: **Dr Nick Kim** *Massey University*

10.30-11.00 MORNING TEA | EXPO HALL

\\ SESSION TWO

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
11.00-12.30	**PRODUCT STEWARDSHIP**	**MOVING ON UP THE WASTE HIERARCHY**	**THE TECHNICAL EDGE: PUSHING THE BOUNDARIES OF CONTAMINATED LAND**	**BEYOND CLOSURE: CLOSING THE LOOP ON LANDFILLS**	**ORGANICS & BIOSOLIDS**
	Deanne Holdsworth *Pact Group* NZ's product stewardship: The good, the bad, and the ugly	**Joanna Langford** *Wellington City Council* & **Hannah Blumhardt** *Reuse Aotearoa* Scaling reuse, repair and share to reduce waste: Lessons from Wellington	**Jonathan Caldwell** *Waikato Regional Council* & **Jade McConchie** *GHD* A national approach for managing acid sulfate soils in New Zealand?	**Rachel Rait** *Department of Conservation* From removal to resilience: Adaptive approaches to historic landfills on public conservation land	**Rob Tinholt** *Watercare* Roadmap to big decision – Watercare's Mangere Biosolids Servicing Project
	Chris Gingell *TOMRA Collection* The international trend towards Container Return Schemes: Is New Zealand being left behind?	**Carla van Walen** *Localised* & **Mohamed Elkharboutly** *Massey University* From red stickers to reuse: Rethinking construction and demolition waste	**Andrew Pearson** *Tonkin + Taylor* Are Agrivoltaics a contaminating activity?	**Courtney Armstrong** *Auckland Council* Adapting a closed landfill portfolio for a changing climate: From portfolio-wide risk to site-specific action	**Sophie Coley** *Waipa District Council* Assessing the feasibility of community composting hubs for commercial organic waste in Waipā District

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
	Mark Hilton *Eunomia* & **Alex Kirkham** *Auckland Council* The true cost of textiles: The case for regulated textile product stewardship in New Zealand	**Monica Bosco** *Renewal SA* We've got dirt – and we know how to use it. Practical lessons in soil management and reuse from a government run recycling facility	**Natalie Flatman** *ENGEO* Managing legacy contamination at Te Papa: Progress made, challenges remain	**Terry Widdowson** & **Charlotte Rayner** *AECOM New Zealand* Better data, better decisions: Reforming closed landfill monitoring	**David Pickett** *Tonkin + Taylor* & **Jörn Scherzer** *Hutt City Council* Biosolids in land rehabilitation: Navigating opportunities and regulatory responsibility
	Roderick Boys *Ministry for the Environment* & **Tony Wilson** *Agrecovery* Rural Recycling Scheme update		**Komalpreet Kaur** *Talis Consultants* Investigating the role of microplastics as potential PFAS vectors in soil and groundwater in a landfill site	**Marcus Herrmann** *Riley Consultants* Landfill gas risks for residential developments: Approaches to assessment and regulation in New Zealand	**Liam Prince** *Kaicycle* Aotearoa Composters Network: Toward regenerative organics cycling
			Julie Palich *Geocontam Risk Management* The humble PSI reimagined	**Tyler Neve** & **Genevieve Smith** *Beca* Te Raekaihau Point: Remediating a coastal legacy site through collaboration	
12.30-13.30	LUNCH | EXPO HALL				

\\ SESSION THREE

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
13.30-15.00	**FROM CHAOS TO CLEANUP: EMERGENCY WASTE MANAGEMENT**	**WHERE RISK REALLY MATTERS: CLEARER CONVERSATIONS, CLEANER OUTCOMES**	**FROM GUIDANCE TO GROUNDWORK: ALIGN THE RULES, RAISE THE BAR**	**LOCAL LEADERS, LASTING IMPACT: CASE STUDIES IN CIRCULAR INNOVATION**	**DRIVING CONSUMER EDUCATION AND BEHAVIOUR CHANGE**
	Bruce Croucher *Ministry for the Environment* Emergency waste management at MFE	**Craig Cowper** *Alliance* Stalemate is a choice: Reframing risk to get to yes	**Andrew Rumsby** *EHS Support New Zealand* Advancing the reliability of ANZG Water Quality Guideline values through updated methodology and modernised tools	**Kimberley Hope** *Tonkin + Taylor* & **Valerie Bianchi** *Waikato Regional Council* Creating systems change through cross-regional collaboration	**Kate Fenwick** *Waste-Ed With Kate* Proof of recycling: How transparency turns trolls into advocates
	Richard Mowll *Richard Mowll Consulting* Creating debris disposal plans for the Wellington region	**James Corbett** *Auckland Council* **Michael Mechaelis** *Tonkin + Taylor* When the tide goes out (on ACMs) what risks are uncovered?	**Sarah Shepherd** & **Genevieve Smith** *Beca* Road testing the Coal Tar Guidelines	**Lincoln Coe** *Dunedin City Council* & **Stephen Douglass** *GHD* Dunedin City Council – transforming a circular waste vision into reality	**Baruk Jacob** *Counter Factual* & **Amber Tharakan** *Auckland Council* Why do apartments struggle with waste? Collaborating to shift waste behaviour in apartment living

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
	PANEL DISCUSSION Building disaster waste systems before the next event Panellists: **Colin Berkett** *WM New Zealand*, **Bruce Croucher** *Ministry for the Environment*, **David Stephenson** *Tasman District Council* & **Georgina Morrison** *Environment Hubs Aotearoa* Facilitator: **Angela Atkins** *Hastings District Council*	**Marcus Herrmann** *Riley Consultants* Site contamination public health impacts: Effective risk communication and response approaches	**Shona Hobbs** *AECOM New Zealand* When is a hydrocarbon not a contaminant? A gap in NZ background values	**Rahul Krishnan** *Envirocon* & **Sarahann du Plooy** *Tauranga City Council* Turning waste into infrastructure: Tauranga's circular concrete transition	**Ricki Hersburgh** *Envirocom Australia* No time to waste – turning education programs around with innovative strategies that deliver positive cost-effective outcomes
		Simon Gray *Bellrock Advisory* Managing risk where it really matters, insurance and contracting insights for waste and contaminated land projects	**Annalise Bennett** & **Laurence Dolan** *Enviro NZ* Same dirt, different rules: Untangling inconsistencies in waste acceptance and contaminated land practice		
		Michael King *SLR Consulting* Collaboration in action: Engineering a skate park on contaminated ground	**Michael Rehfisch** *Senversa* Providing environmental assurance for mine closure and rehabilitation works		
15.00-15.30	AFTERNOON TEA | EXPO HALL				

\\ SESSION FOUR

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
15.30-16.30	**SUSTAINABLE REMEDIATION IN PRACTICE: HANDS-ON WORKSHOP USING THE SURE TOOL** Facilitators: **Louise Wilson** *Collaborations* & **Stephen Maxwell** *Ramboll*	**COMPETENCY AND QUALITY: RAISING THE STANDARD IN CONTAMINATED LAND PRACTICE** **Stanley Howell** *Jacobs*, **Craig Cowper** *Alliance*, **Simon Hunt** *EHS Support New Zealand* & **Michelle Begbie** *Waikato Regional Council* Who gets to call themselves competent? Lessons from the UK, US and AU for contaminated land practice in NZ	**TECHNOLOGY IN WASTE** **Sunshine Yates** *Sunshine Yates Consulting* & **Terry Coe** Seeing waste differently – improving waste composition monitoring through scalable visual analysis	**PLANNING & POLICY** **Stefan Borowy** *Morrison Low Advisory* No cap (I'm telling the truth)	**COLLABORATIVE SESSION** **The discussion tables will cover the following topics:** Strengthening waste licensing through cross sector collaboration Facilitator: **Sophien Brockbank** & **Kimberley Hope** *Tonkin + Taylor*
			Lauren Marais *Re.Group* Collaboration managing contamination	**Natalie Tararchuk** *Toitū Envirocare* From standards to strategy: Leveraging ISO circular economy frameworks for sustainable growth	Beyond recovery: Reflections on scaling the repair economy in Aotearoa Facilitator: **Brigitte Sistig** *Repair Network Aotearoa*

DAY 3 WEDNESDAY 20 MAY

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
		Simon Hunt *EHS Support New Zealand* **QA/QC Practice note launch**			**Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land** Facilitator: **Jo Ferry** *Tonkin + Taylor*
					How could government policy support the move from waste management to resource recovery? Facilitator: **Karen Titulaer**
18.00-19.00	PRE-GALA DINNER DRINKS | EXPO HALL				
19.00-00.00	GALA DINNER | PLENARY ROOM				*sponsored by* SLR

DAY 4 THURSDAY 21 MAY

8.30-9.00 REGISTRATION | EXPO HALL

\\ SESSION ONE

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
9.00-10.30	**WASTE WORLD TOUR: SNAPSHOTS**	**FUTURE FOCUSED**	**PLAN OUT THE WASTE, NAIL THE BUILD**	**BELOW THE SURFACE: RAPID INSIGHTS ON CONTAMINATED LAND**	**GROUNDED IN REUSE: FROM MINEFIELDS TO MINDSETS**
	Shannon Ball *Christchurch International Airport* & **Jacob Stapleton** *EnviroNZ* Not just rubbish: What three years of waste sortation really looks like	*sponsored by* EnviTech **Kavithrra Gunalan** & **Dr Prashant Praveen** *Enviro NZ* Process engineered fuel – a recycling opportunity for unrecyclable plastics	**Andred Saker** *Hutt City Council* C & D waste – trialling a pathway when you don't have infrastructure	**Emma Trembath** *SLR Consulting* Beyond tradition: Engineering solutions for necro-leachate risks in Aotearoa cemeteries	**Erika McDonald** *ENGEO* Managing excess soil in 2026: Progress made, problems persist
	Valentino Luna Hernandez *Health New Zealand* Closing the loop on metered dose inhalers: Lessons from a community pharmacy recycling trial	**Lindsay Strachan** *Envitech Projects NZ* Resource reuse monofill storage – void or voidable?	**Anne Pezaro** *Winstone Wallboards* & **Geoff Gibson** *Hastings District & Napier City Councils* Closing the loop on GIB® plasterboard: A council and industry collaboration	**Genevieve Palmer** *Tonkin + Taylor* Common ground: Preventing recontamination through collaboration	**Suzanne Lowe** & **Maia Bellingham** *AECOM New Zealand* Sustainable soil reuse on Te Wai Takamori o Te Awa Kairangi
	Justine Haves *Auckland Council* & **Sarah Nicholls** *Zero Waste Tāmaki Makaurau Trust* From contracts to collective impact: Establishing the Zero Waste Tāmaki Makaurau Trust	**PANEL DISCUSSION** What do we want the sector to look like in the future and how do we get there? Panellists: **Angela Atkins** *Hastings District Council*, **Paul Evans** *Localised*, **Sunshine Yates** *Sunshine Yates Consulting*, **Hannah Blumhardt** *Reuse Aotearoa* & **Laurence Dolan** *Enviro NZ* Facilitator: **Rosie Dawson-Hewes** *3R Group*	**Kristy Jones** *Cook Brothers Construction* Building smarter, wasting less – insights from a construction waste case study	**Gina Harris** *ERIAS* Samples to strategy: Navigating research and an early career in a post-COVID world	**Jess Campbell** & **Isobel Stout** *Pattle Delamore Partners* Development of site-specific trigger values for the treatment and re-use of PFAS contaminated soils
	Niamh McShane *SLR Consulting* & **Maggie Leath** *Stantec* Flying blind on fly tipping: Revealing Aotearoa's unmeasured dumping risk – a Waimakariri River case study		**Emily Newmarch** *Warren and Mahoney* & **Ben Cannon** *LT McGuinness* Design, delivery and waste: What a hybrid mass timber product taught us	**Anton Bernasconi** *Tonkin + Taylor* Tackling the too hard basket	**Jack Hammond** *ENGEO* Don't dig yourself a hole: Why soil management frameworks matter

DAY 4 THURSDAY 21 MAY

	PLENARY ROOM	ROOM 1	ROOM 2	ROOM 3	ROOM 4
	Anita Lewis *Waikato Regional Council* **Microplastics in Aotearoa's marine environment: Emerging risks, knowledge gaps, and strategic interventions**			**Brodie Rowse** *Beca* **Contaminated land – a regional New Zealand perspective**	**Jo Cavanagh** *New Zealand Institute for Bioeconomy Science* **Realising the value of urban soils**
	Geoff Gibson *Hastings District & Napier City Councils* **It's not my problem - where construction waste responsibility falls through the cracks**				
10.30-11.00	MORNING TEA | EXPO HALL				
\\ SESSION TWO					
	PLENARY ROOM				
11.00-12.30	**CLOSING PLENARY**				
	KEYNOTE **Geoff Cooper** *New Zealand Infrastructure Commission* **National Infrastructure Plan**				
	PANEL DISCUSSION **Mātauranga informing future management of waste and contaminants** Panellists: **Lee Rauhina-August** *Ahumai* & **Aimee Bishop** *Te Rūnanga o Toa Rangatira* Facilitator: **Stephanie Dijkstra** *WSP*				
	CLOSING WORDS **Nic Quilty** *Chief Executive WasteMINZ* & **Matt Potter** *Chief Executive ALGA*				
12.30-13.30	FAREWELL LUNCH | SHED 6 ARCADE				
13.00-17.00	**SITE VISITS** for those who have registered for them				

site visits

We are offering two site visits to choose from at the end of the main conference programme. These will both be held at the same time, after sessions finish on Thursday, 21 May - leaving from the venue at 1pm and returning back to the venue at approximately 5pm. A packed lunch will be provided to all participants.

OPTION 1

Southern Landfill

Join Wellington City Council staff on a tour of the Southern Landfill site, where experts will talk you through the operations and the development of the full landfill site including:

- Tip shop and recycle centre
- Transfer station
- Compost plant
- Dewatering plant
- Closed landfill sites
- and much more.

The tour gives a history of waste operations at the Southern Landfill, looks at the volume and types of waste being sent to landfill, the environmental monitoring onsite, and the future of the Southern Landfill.

The bus will drive around this location from point to point, so limited walking required – however closed shoes are necessary.

Many of you have heard about the Southern Landfill Extension Project with the unique piggyback design, although this will not necessarily be visible, questions may be answered!

The bus will return to the TSB Arena via the airport, for those who need to catch a flight.

OPTION 2

EarthStarch Organic Solutions & Silverstream Landfill

EarthSOS - Come and meet Rosie

Discover EarthSOS's decentralised, scalable organic processing solution (Rosie) designed for communities, councils, and businesses.

Join the EarthSOS team for a site tour where you'll see Rosie in action. This smart, fast, and odour-free process transforms food scraps and other organic waste materials into rich organic soil conditioner in under 4 hours.

It's the future of organic waste processing and the EarthSOS team can't wait to show you how it works!

Silverstream Landfill

This field trip will visit EDL's pilot asbestos destruction plant located at the Silverstream Landfill in Wellington.

With many locations in New Zealand and around the world facing ongoing asbestos disposal challenges, this visit will showcase a cutting-edge mechanochemical technology that renders asbestos in legacy materials inert, producing a fine powder suitable for reuse in concrete applications and other industrial uses.

EDL representatives will be onsite to explain the process, demonstrate the equipment, and discuss how this pilot facility is paving the way toward a world-leading solution for asbestos treatment.

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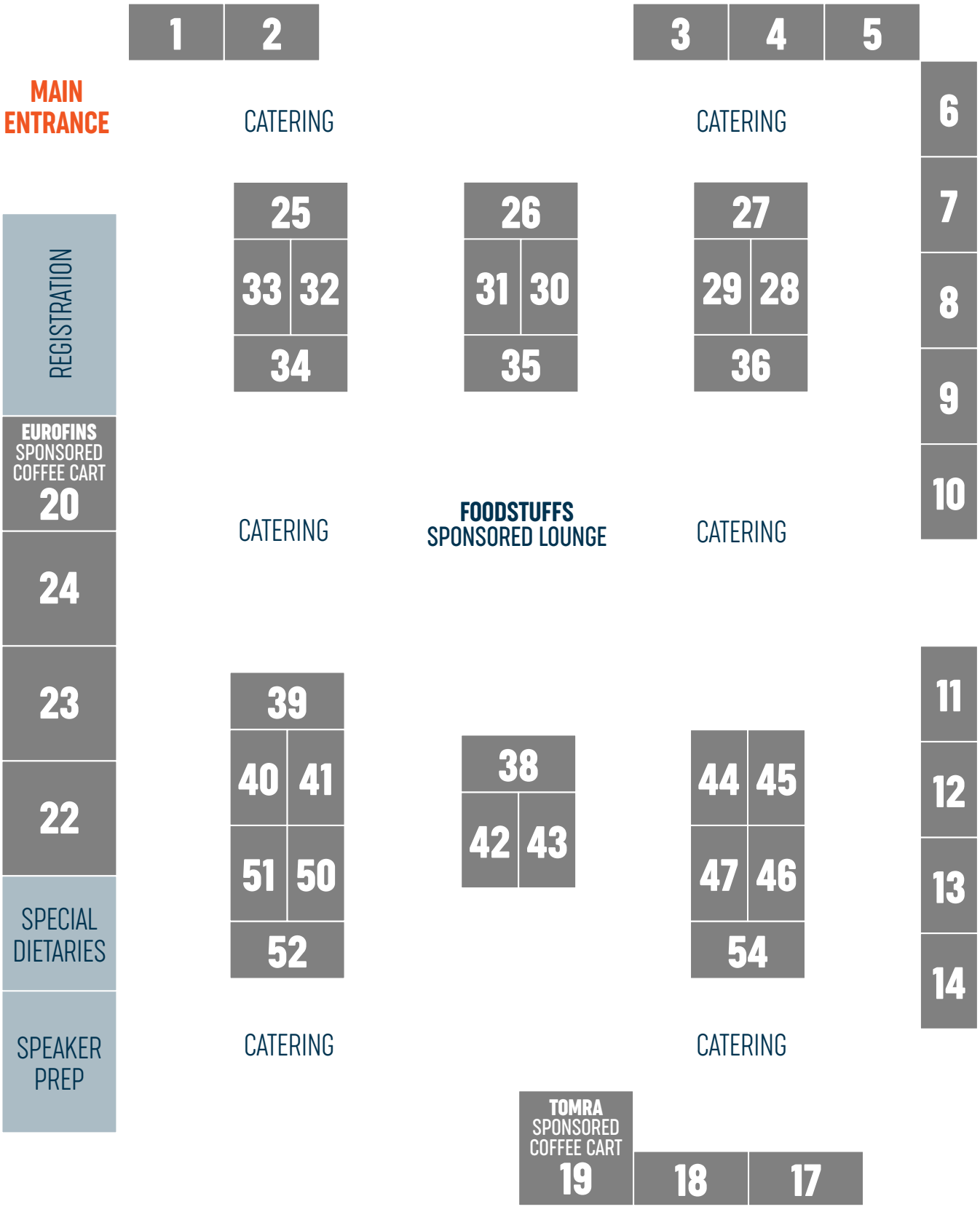

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