

Annual Report 2025 | 2026



Reclaiming Our Resources: Optimising Soil Reuse in Infrastructure and Land Development

A strategic framework for optimising
soil management – Phase 1

December 2025



Battery Sector Environmental Scan

Final Report

Prepared April 2026



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Construction Waste Week



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who we are

WasteMINZ is Aotearoa New Zealand's leading voice for the people and organisations working to reduce waste, recover resources, and restore land. Since 1989, we've brought together councils, businesses, community groups, researchers, and innovators to tackle the challenges of waste head-on. With over 400 member organisations across eight sector groups, we connect the dots between policy, science, and everyday practice. Our vision is to champion sectors dedicated to waste management, waste avoidance, resource recovery and contaminated land management, and create a future where people, communities and nature in Aotearoa New Zealand thrive together.

strategic direction

The WasteMINZ Strategy 2025-2028 is available at the end of this annual report. As part of our review cycle, the WasteMINZ Board and team updated the strategy in July 2025. This is the strategy that will be worked towards during the 2026-27 Financial Year.

our values



Kaitiakitanga

We are stewards of our environment



Kotahitanga

Our success comes through working collaboratively



Akoranga

Learning and best practice sits at the heart of what we do



Manaakitanga

We show respect, generosity, and hospitality towards others by fostering positive relationships

chair's message

Parul Sood



**“Mā whero, mā pango
ka oti ai te mahi”**

**With many hands, the
work is accomplished.**

As I reflect on the past year, I am reminded that progress is never the result of individual effort alone. It comes from collaboration, shared purpose, and the collective commitment of our members, partners, and the wider waste, resource recovery, and contaminated land sectors.

2026 has been another year of momentum for WasteMINZ. Together, we have continued to advocate for practical solutions that support waste avoidance and minimisation, advanced conversations on opportunities for the sector, strengthened our focus on resource recovery, and contributed to important discussions on the policy and regulatory settings that will shape the future of our sector. Throughout these efforts, our members have remained at the heart of everything we do.

As we continue delivering on our Strategy 2025-28, our vision remains clear: a future where resources are valued, waste is minimised, contaminated land is managed responsibly, and communities, ecosystems, and

economies can thrive together. Achieving this vision requires innovation, leadership, and strong partnerships across government, industry, iwi, communities, and the environmental sector.

One of the great strengths of WasteMINZ is our ability to bring people together. Whether through technical expertise, advocacy, professional development, or industry collaboration, our members continue to demonstrate the passion and commitment needed to address the complex challenges facing Aotearoa New Zealand.

I would like to sincerely thank my fellow Board members for their stewardship throughout the year. I also extend my gratitude to the WasteMINZ team, whose expertise, and tireless efforts ensure we continue to deliver value for our members and make a meaningful contribution to the sector.

This year also marks the end of my time on the WasteMINZ Board. Serving as Chair has been both a privilege and a rewarding experience. It has given me the opportunity to work alongside some of the most passionate, knowledgeable, and committed people in the sector. Together,

we have celebrated successes, navigated challenges, and had more discussions about waste than most people would consider entirely normal!

Over my time on the Board, I have seen firsthand the strength, resilience, and generosity of this community. While I will not be continuing in my role, I leave with enormous confidence in the future of WasteMINZ and in the leaders who will guide the organisation through its next chapter.

To everyone who has been part of this journey, thank you. To my fellow Board members present and past, the WasteMINZ team, and members across the country, your support, expertise, and commitment have made this role both enjoyable and impactful. WasteMINZ remains a vibrant and influential organisation, and I have no doubt its best years are still ahead. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.

CEO's message

Nic Quilty



He aha te mea nui o te ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata.

What is the most important thing in the world? It is people, it is people, it is people.

When I look at what WasteMINZ has achieved over the past year, I am struck by the breadth and quality of our work, and by the hard graft of the team and members who made it possible. Thank you to everyone who contributed, including steering committee and working group members; conference, workshop and webinar presenters and facilitators; and members who put their hands up with ideas and offered to help bring them to life. I also appreciate the organisations that collaborated with us, particularly the Australasian Land and Groundwater Association, our delivery partner for the May conference. The collaboration received such positive feedback that we are doing it again in 2027!

The successful conference contributed to a year-end surplus of \$103,702, which is \$32,000 more than the previous year. This is a strong result in a challenging environment and reflects confidence in the work our organisation delivers. We reinvest the surplus in the organisation

so we can continue to advocate for the industry, hold important events and provide services to our members. You can read more about our financial performance from page 34 onwards.

WasteMINZ achieved a lot this financial year, as detailed throughout this report, but I would like to highlight four achievements that have had significant impact:

- Advocating for the development of a nationwide framework for the reuse of soils, (supported by the Minister for the Environment) and delivering a report (funded by the Ministry for the Environment) which outlined five priorities. The Ministry (now known as the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport (MCERT)) is now progressing three of these priorities.
- Advocating for the reduction of construction and demolition waste, with the key focus on developing and delivering the first Construction Waste Week (a nationwide campaign), which was very well-received.
- Delivering the final year of a three-year Ministry for the Environment-funded food waste project, which

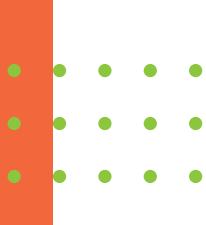
significantly strengthened Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand's reach, impact and position.

- Developing and publishing a report on the challenges facing the small battery sector in Aotearoa New Zealand, funded by MCERT.

Balancing our members' diverse priorities with delivering impactful work for the industry as a whole remains WasteMINZ's greatest challenge, but also our greatest strength. WasteMINZ's diverse membership broadens our expertise, challenges our assumptions, and reveals problems and solutions we may not discover alone. Over the coming year, we will continue to deliver great work, guided by industry impact and alignment with WasteMINZ's strategy.

I would like to close by expressing my appreciation to the Board members, who have supported and challenged me; to the Chair, Parul Sood, who has guided me; and to the team, who rise to the challenge and inspire me with their dedication and tenacity.

Nic Quilty



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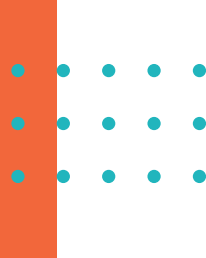


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Former team members

We extend our sincere gratitude to the following former team members who contributed to our operations during this financial year:

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Madelon de Jongh \\ Sector Projects Manager

Fiona Lavin \\ Sector Programme Manager

Bridey Merhtens \\ Communications Administrator

advocacy & influence

While our members worked on a huge number of projects, WasteMINZ as a collective continued to drive four significant projects this financial year.



Soil reuse

WasteMINZ has been advocating for the development of a nationwide framework for the reuse of soils through both public awareness and government outreach for several years. In June 2025, Minister for the Environment Penny Simmonds announced her support for a national soil management framework, and the Ministry for the Environment provided funding towards the first phase of the project. In December, WasteMINZ delivered a report which outlined a vision for surplus soil management in Aotearoa New Zealand, an analysis of the issues that influence current soil management practices and identified five priority actions for the Government to consider in reducing soil waste. At the 2026 WasteMINZ + ALGA conference, new Minister for the Environment Nicola Grigg confirmed a commitment to progress the first three priorities of the soil reuse report:

- a national soil market assessment and targeted interventions
- a legislative review, and
- development of a soil management framework.

WasteMINZ will continue to work with the Ministry (now known as the Ministry of Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport) to progress this significant workstream.



Battery disposal

WasteMINZ released the *Small Battery Sector Environmental Scan* report in April 2026, which provided an overview of the challenges facing the small battery sector in Aotearoa New Zealand - from the point of manufacturing to end of life and disposal. The report found that despite the growing risks of incorrectly disposed of batteries, councils, waste operators and communities are bearing the costs and consequences of battery disposal, even though they had no role in designing, importing or selling battery powered products. It also highlighted that with no national direction, consumers are confused about how to safely dispose of their household batteries as each region deals with it differently.

As part of the report, WasteMINZ also developed The Great Battery Hunt, an awareness campaign asking members of the public to find the hidden batteries in their houses. The purpose of the Great Battery Hunt was to highlight how many small batteries each household owned, particularly in small electronics and appliances – and many households underestimated the amount they thought they owned. It was also an opportunity to share the messaging of how to best dispose of small batteries. This was an organic campaign which achieved high engagement on social media and resulted in several media mentions. WasteMINZ is planning to run a second Battery Hunt in the lead up to Christmas 2026.

advocacy & influence



Reducing construction waste

Over the 2025-2026 financial year, WasteMINZ continued to drive action to reduce construction and demolition waste, a waste stream that remains one of New Zealand's largest opportunities for waste reduction and resource recovery. A major focus was the delivery of the first **Construction Waste Week**, a nationwide campaign developed by the Construction Waste Working Group to raise awareness of the scale of construction waste and promote practical solutions such as better planning, material reuse, deconstruction, and waste minimisation on building sites.

Through industry engagement, resources, media outreach, and the theme "*Plan out the waste. Nail the build.*", the campaign encouraged businesses across the construction sector to reduce the amount of valuable material being sent to landfill. This work aligns closely with the New Zealand Government's priorities around improving infrastructure delivery, increasing resource efficiency, reducing landfill emissions, and advancing the transition to a more circular economy.

Alongside Construction Waste Week, WasteMINZ continued to showcase and share examples of successful deconstruction and construction material reuse projects, helping to demonstrate how waste reduction can deliver economic, environmental, and social benefits while supporting a more productive and resilient construction sector.



Reducing food waste

This year marked the successful completion of our three-year Ministry for the Environment-funded food waste project, which significantly strengthened Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand's reach, impact and position as the national voice on household food waste prevention.

You can read about the impact that the Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand project had on page 25.

Join the battery hunt and see how many you can find!

Tell us how many and you could win a \$50 Prezzy Card

www.wasteminz.org.nz/batteryhunt

wasteMINZ

Construction Waste Week

*Plan out the waste.
Nail the build.*

What 1 change can you make?



advocacy & influence

We advocated and influenced key decision makers on a number of different topics.



Submissions to government consultations + 2 oral submissions

Submissions require a significant investment of time and resources for our members and team and make an impact by influencing the creation of government policy.

While policy change is often influenced by multiple stakeholders, submissions enable WasteMINZ to place evidence directly before Ministers, officials and parliamentary decision-makers, ensuring that industry perspectives are considered in the development of legislation, regulations, strategies and national policy frameworks. This contributes to better-informed decisions and stronger long-term outcomes for New Zealand's waste, resource recovery, and contaminated land sectors.

Submission topics included:

- RMA Reform
- Planning Bill and Natural Environment Bill
- Local Government (Systems Improvement) Amendment Bill
- Government Procurement Rules
- Consumer Guarantees (Right to Repair) Amendment Bill
- National Direction on Infrastructure
- Emissions Reduction Plan 2
- Emergency Management Bill
- Fuel response priority bands.



Meetings with the Minister for the Environment

These meetings allowed us to highlight our priorities and potential solutions to the Minister understand what the Government's work programme and priorities are, and how we can work together.



Proactive letters to Ministers and government departments

These letters were compiled by several WasteMINZ sector group steering committees and working groups, and the WasteMINZ team. Collectively, these letters strengthened WasteMINZ's role as the authoritative voice of the waste, resource recovery and contaminated land sectors, and ensured government ministers and officials were informed by sector expertise and evidence.

Topics included:

- *Local Government Waste Manifesto* – provided a unified voice for local government waste officers and identified practical policy changes needed to improve waste minimisation, infrastructure investment, product stewardship, data collection, and enforcement.
- *Reclaiming Our Resources: Optimising Soil Reuse in Infrastructure and Land Development* - provided evidence-based recommendations for reducing the unnecessary disposal of reusable soil from construction and infrastructure projects.
- *Small Battery Environmental Scan* report - strengthened the case for a national approach to battery stewardship by documenting gaps in regulation, data, collection systems, and public awareness.
- Request for Government leadership on legacy lead exposure - raised awareness of lead exposure as an ongoing public health issue, particularly for children living in older housing.

We also fostered a closer relationship with the Ministry for the Environment, New Zealand Infrastructure Commission, and the Climate Change Commission who now regularly seek meetings and discussions with steering committees.



advocacy & influence



media engagement

Media engagement included 7 media releases across the year, and 13 media mentions across multiple different channels - including national radio and digital articles, and smaller local articles. Topics included the economics of waste, WasteMINZ Awards for Excellence, safe disposal of batteries, soil reuse, Local Government Waste Policy Manifesto and an invitation to the WasteMINZ + ALGA Conference.



public outreach

We used social media channels (particularly LinkedIn and Facebook) and our website to engage with the public.

- We received more than 76,300 visits to our website over the year
- Our most popular webpages included the Conference 2026 webpage, and the Battery Collection Facilities page. This shows us how important both the conference and the safe disposal of batteries are to our members and the public respectively.
- Our engagement rate (which highlights how effective our social media posts are) was higher than the general average on LinkedIn, at 17% (compared to an average of 3-4%). LinkedIn is one of the best ways to communicate with our professional network, with audiences made up of both members and potential members.
- On Facebook, our engagement rate was lower than average at 1% (compared to an average of between 2-5%). However, our Facebook audience is also a lot smaller, and we use this channel to target more public-friendly messaging, such as awareness of behaviour change campaigns.

On social media, we raised awareness of the issue of the safe disposal of batteries, International Compost Awareness Week, shared informative blog articles including member spotlights and low waste Christmas hacks, and shared important key updates within the industry, such as government consultations and legislation updates.

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Councils alarmed as lithium batteries cause dozens of rubbish-truck fires



Lachlan Rennie

Multimedia Journalist, Newstalk ZB · Newstalk ZB · 2 Mar, 2026 05:00 AM · 3 mins to read

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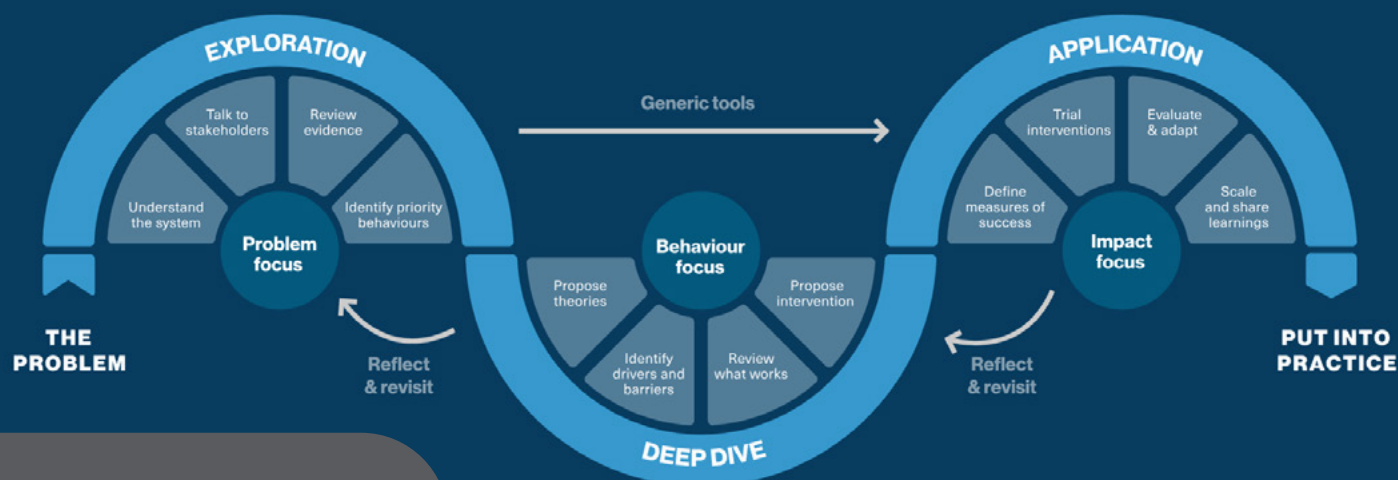


WasteMINZ's Nic Quilty On The Great Battery Hunt Survey

SECTOR GROUPS

behaviour change

VISION STATEMENT | To provide the whāriki (woven mat) which connects organisations, communities and government with behaviour change best practices to reduce waste and maximise resource use.



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Building behaviour change capability

The Steering Committee partnered with BehaviourWorks Australia to deliver an online training session on behavioural diagnosis and intervention matching, strengthening the sector's capability to design more effective waste minimisation initiatives. The Steering Committee also hosted a free organics-focused webinar during International Compost Awareness Week.

Developing practical resources and awareness campaigns

Steering Committee members contributed behaviour change expertise to the Low Waste Holiday Toolkit in December 2025 and Construction Waste Week in October 2025, helping develop practical resources and awareness activities that encouraged waste reduction, reuse, and more sustainable behaviours.

Storytelling and knowledge sharing

Steering Committee members contributed to WasteMINZ's online articles showcasing how behaviour change approaches could help address plastic pollution and support waste minimisation, promoting evidence-based practice across the sector.

SECTOR GROUPS

contaminated land management

VISION STATEMENT | To foster an industry where contaminated land management is sustainable, ethical and consistent; and focused on providing tangible environmental, social and economic benefits.



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Jenny Joynt (from June 2026)

Reclaiming Our Resources: Optimising Soil Reuse in Infrastructure and Land Development

The steering committee's Soil Reuse Working Group completed and released the *Reclaiming Our Resources: Optimising Soil Reuse in Infrastructure and Land Development* report, which provided a roadmap for improving soil reuse across New Zealand. The report led to the Minister for the Environment endorsing three recommendations, representing a significant step towards removing barriers to beneficial soil reuse and supporting more sustainable land development practices.

WasteMINZ and Australasian Land and Groundwater (ALGA) collaboration

The WasteMINZ + ALGA Conference strengthened trans-Tasman collaboration and expanded professional development opportunities for the contaminated land management and groundwater sector. The CLM programme, which included an additional conference stream and two workshops, was well attended and received positive feedback, reflecting strong demand for technical knowledge sharing and networking. The collaboration also created momentum for a follow-up webinar series covering soil reuse, innovation, risk assessment, the Contaminated Sites and Vulnerable Landfill Fund, and groundwater. In addition, the steering committee provided technical feedback on ALGA's Draft QA/QC Practice Note, helping inform the next iteration of this important industry guidance.

Advocacy

The steering committee contributed to WasteMINZ's submission on the Planning and Natural Environment Bill. WasteMINZ was subsequently invited to present an oral submission at the hearings, helping to ensure contaminated land management considerations were reflected in the proposed reforms.

SECTOR GROUPS

disposal to land

VISION STATEMENT | To promote a consistent and good practice approach to the management of waste disposal to land.

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Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land

The steering committee progressed the update of the *Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land*, consolidating contributions from across the sector and completing draft revisions ahead of final review and public consultation. The updated guidance is expected to provide greater consistency and clarity for disposal to land facilities in the last quarter of 2026.

Advocacy

The steering committee contributed to a range of government consultation processes, including the Planning and Natural Environment Bill, the National Climate Change Risk Assessment 2026, proposals relating to methane emissions and emissions from organic waste, and advocacy on the Emissions Trading Scheme. WasteMINZ was subsequently invited to present an oral submission at the hearings, helping to ensure disposal to land considerations were reflected in the proposed reforms.

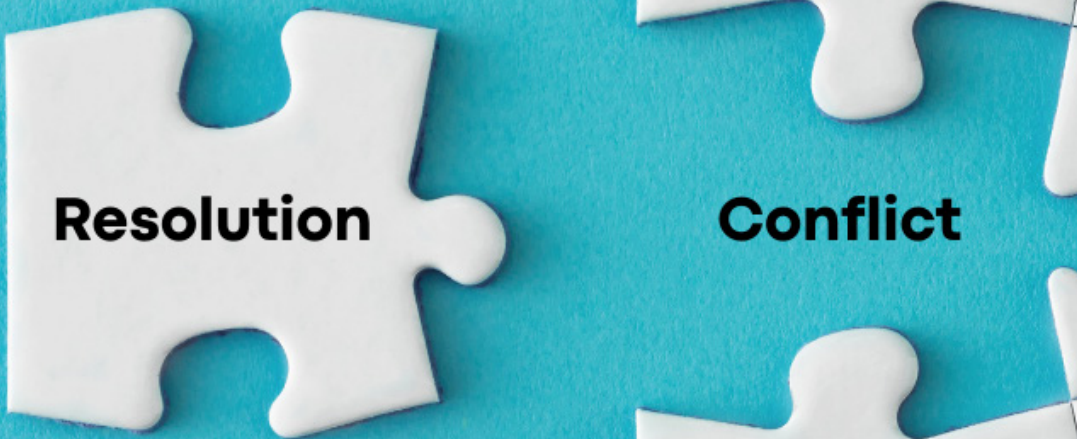
Emerging Contaminants Survey

The steering committee partnered with Water New Zealand to develop a survey of wastewater treatment plant operators focused on monitoring new and emerging contaminants. The project is helping build a stronger evidence base to support future policy, operational, and regulatory discussions.

SECTOR GROUPS

health, safety & wellbeing

VISION STATEMENT | To be a dynamic and relevant sector group that positively influences the behaviour and attitudes to health, safety & wellbeing of those in the industry.



Resolution

Conflict

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Violence towards kerbside collection staff

An online training session was organised with Lance Burdett from Warn International to address the increasing incidents of violence and or aggression directed towards kerbside collection staff. The training provided information for managers and/or supervisors at waste companies and the territorial authorities who manage their service contracts. The workshop covered topics such as why violence is increasing in public-facing roles and provided practical strategies for managing incidents, including effective communication, maintaining distance, using radios, and knowing when to involve police. The steering committee acknowledges that this is an issue to any public facing service industry and is not limited to kerbside collection staff and is discussing next steps to continue support in this space.

Kerbside Collection Traffic Leader (KCTL) phase out

Following the introduction of the NZ Guide to Temporary Traffic Management (NZGTTM), which replaced the Code of Practice for Temporary Traffic Management (CoPTTM), MITO launched the kerbside collector micro-credential qualifications. The steering committee also investigated phasing out the Kerbside Collection Traffic Collection warrant card system as the CoPTTM does not require it and replacing it with a guideline-based approach. The development of the guideline was due for completion by the end of 2025, but due to a variety of complications this has now been extended to the end of 2026.

SECTOR GROUPS

organic materials

VISION STATEMENT | To minimise the generation of residual organic materials, maximise the capture and value of residual organic materials, and ensure their beneficial reuse to contribute to Aotearoa's resilient and productive future.

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International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW) 2026 Campaign

The steering committee drove the International Compost Awareness Week campaign which had a local, New Zealand-based focus. The campaign elements included a toolkit with social media content and templates, an events calendar and a school engagement competition, supported by Mitre 10. The steering committee also provided several topical articles on composting which were published on the WasteMINZ website and shared on social media channels during ICAW. The campaign reached over 6080 interactions across WasteMINZ's Facebook and LinkedIn social media channels. The ICAW blog content on the WasteMINZ website also received 1,400 page views.

Compostable packaging

The challenges surrounding compostable packaging have been raised several times by the steering committee and they continue to discuss possible options to provide support and education.

SECTOR GROUPS

product stewardship

VISION | Aotearoa New Zealand adopts an effective product policy framework with mandatory product stewardship schemes, which:

- addresses waste issues and whole of lifecycle impacts
- fairly internalises all environmental costs
- advances a circular economy, and
- is cost effective to administer.

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Advocacy

The sector group played an active role in advocacy on key policy and legislative issues, preparing submissions on the Resource Management Act reform, National Direction packages, the New Zealand Infrastructure Plan, and the Local Government (Systems Improvement) Amendment Bill. The group also presented an oral submission in support of the Consumer Guarantees (Right to Repair) Amendment Bill, helping to advance product stewardship and circular economy outcomes.

Stakeholder mapping and engagement

The steering committee developed a stakeholder map to identify key partners, influencers, and decision-makers across the product stewardship landscape. This work provides a stronger foundation for targeted engagement, collaboration, and future advocacy efforts.

Knowledge sharing

Steering committee members shared expertise on reuse, repair, redesign, and product stewardship through webinars, presentations, and conference sessions. These sessions were well attended demonstrating strong sector interest in solutions that support waste prevention and a more circular economy.

SECTOR GROUPS

recycling & resource recovery

VISION | A circular economy in Aotearoa supported by best practice recovery, reuse and recycling that keep products and materials in use at the highest quality.

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Construction Waste Week 2025

The steering committee supported the delivery of New Zealand's first Construction Waste Week, bringing together 15 partner organisations and generating more than 250,000 views. The campaign raised awareness of construction waste challenges and promoted practical waste minimisation solutions through case studies, resources, and industry engagement.

Building the evidence base and knowledge sharing

The Construction Waste Working Group completed a review of expanded polystyrene (EPS), assessing its environmental impacts and alternatives in the construction sector. The review is currently being peer reviewed and refined following industry feedback. The steering committee also completed a waste and resource recovery sector glossary, which will be reviewed and published next year to support greater consistency across the industry.

SECTOR GROUPS

territorial authorities' officers forum

VISION | To facilitate a clear and cohesive voice for the local government sector in relation to waste minimisation and resource recovery issues in order to influence and shape future outcomes. This will be achieved through advocacy on behalf of the local government sector, leading strategic waste sector thinking and problem solving, and encouraging information and knowledge sharing.

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Updating the Local Government Waste Policy Manifesto

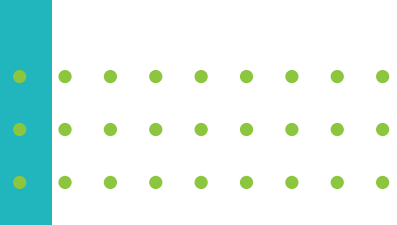
The TAO Forum updated the Local Government Waste Manifesto, with the remainder of the collaborative fund. The updated Manifesto provides a clear, actionable platform for Government, supports advocacy at a local level, and focuses attention on a small number of realistic shifts that will deliver better value for money, reduce harm from waste, and protect community wellbeing by promoting local resilience.

Territorial Authorities' Officers (TAO) Forum at the WasteMINZ + ALGA Conference

The steering committee developed and facilitated the TAO Forum at the WasteMINZ + ALGA conference, to provide opportunities for territorial authorities to network, share knowledge and identify their priorities.

Nationwide kerbside recycling education campaign

The territorial authorities decided that the next collaborative fund would be put towards a nationwide kerbside recycling education campaign. A reference group comprising representatives from territorial authorities across the country was setup to support this project and an RFP process was undertaken to select an agency to partner with on this campaign.



working groups

Small Battery Environmental Scan

Refer to page 8 for more information.

Working Group members

Lyndon Collie Auckland Council	Ross O'Loughlin WM New Zealand	Dominic Salmon 3R Group	Daniel Yallop Re.Group
Morgan Joynt Phoenix Recycling Group	Tom Ronaldson Fire & Emergency NZ	Carla van Walen Localised	

Battery collection

The working group continued to maintain the battery collection location map on the WasteMINZ website. They also provided input into the development of the EPA Victoria national guidelines for lithium-ion batteries.

Working Group members

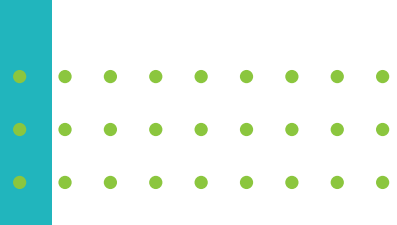
Michael Carey Sims Metal NZ	Georgia Halley Wellington City Council	Cathy Patoine Queenstown Lakes District Council	Dominic Salmon 3R Group
Lyndon Collie Auckland Council	Tomas Johnsson Green Gorilla	Donna Peterson Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport (MCERT)	Davith Weerakoon Invercargill City Council
Eilidh Doma Christchurch City Council	Morgan Joynt Phoenix Recycling Group	Tom Ronaldson Fire & Emergency NZ	
Barney Irvine Waste & Recycling Industry Association	Karen Lee Tasman District Council		

Disaster waste

The working group continued to campaign for better disaster-waste planning and readiness by including a disaster waste session at the 2026 WasteMINZ + ALGA conference; undertaking research; engaging with the Environment Select Committee; and submitting on the Civil Defence legislative review in support of classifying the waste sector as essential infrastructure.

Working Group members

Sei Brown Localised	Jack Grinstead Environment Canterbury	Sarah Le Claire Auckland Council
Cameron Burton Enviro Assist	Malcolm Johnstone NEMA	Hannah Mirabueno Environment Canterbury
Bruce Croucher Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport (MCERT)	Rowan Latham WSP	Wayne Plummer Enviro NZ



working groups

Construction waste

Refer to page 9 for more information.

Working Group members

Terri-Ann Berry

Auckland University of Technology

David Binstead

Kapiti Coast District Council

Dorian Borosnyoi-Crawley

WSP

Dan Butterfield

Kiwi Skips

Kate Butterfield

Southbase Construction

Dwayne Carrol

Auckland Council

Justine Cliff

Zero Waste Tāmaki Makaurau Trust

Katy Constance

Plastics NZ

Brad Crowley

New Zealand Green Building Council

Tracy Davis

Toa Architects

Rosie Dawson

3R Group

Annie Day

Naylor Love

Kamal Dhawan

Auckland University of Technology

Andrea Edwards

Eco Choice

Lisa Eve

Eunomia

Chris Fern

Fulton Hogan

Karen Gadomski

Dunedin City Council

Geoff Gibson

Hastings District Council

Brendon Green**Georgia Halley**

Wellington City Council

Joel Herbert

Placemakers

Felicity Johnson

Auckland Council

Kristy Jones

Cook Brothers

Hannah Kelly

Tonkin + Taylor

Suzy McCall**Casimir McGregor**

BRANZ

Elaine Morgan

Green Gorilla

Marissa Nikora

Priority One

Anne Pezaro

GIB Winstone Wallboards

Kirsty Quickfall

Environmental Innovation Centre

Mark Roberts CHAIR

Auckland Council

Anna Robinson

Dunedin City Council

Dominique Scarf

New Plymouth District Council

Zy Scharf

Auckland Council

Niamh Short

Windy City Builders

Ariadne Smith

Palmerston North City Council

Joanna Tao

Auckland Council

Simon Wilkinson

Wilkinson Environmental

Sarah Wilson

Hamilton City Council

Nikki Withington

Square One

Reuse

The working group continued advocating on reuse by highlighting case studies on the quarterly reuse blog. The blog was published on the WasteMINZ website, and articles were also shared via social media platforms.

Working Group members

Hannah Blumhardt

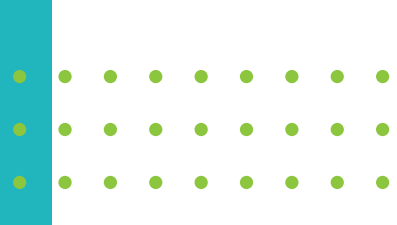
Reuse Aotearoa

Joanna Langford

Wellington City Council

Brigitte Sistig

Repair Network Aotearoa



working groups

Farm waste

An editable *Managing On-Farm Waste* guide was published in October 2025. The guide can be customised to add local information for the specific region, or fully redesigned to provide a local look and feel. With support from NZ Landcare Trust and the relevant councils, several in person farm waste workshops were completed across Canterbury, Otago and Hawke's Bay. Many of these were facilitated by Trish Rankin, who has worked closely with farming communities to identify practical, workable solutions.

Working Group members

Toni Bye

Hastings District Council

Jack Grinstead

Environment Canterbury

Anna Robinson

Dunedin City Council

Residential lead

The working group wrote an open letter to ministers during the International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week in October 2025, calling for strategic and unified action to detect and reduce children's exposure to lead, the monitoring of blood lead levels in children and improvements in education and prevention. The group also ran a small social media campaign during the week. The working group is now in hiatus.

Working Group members

Michelle Begbie

Waikato Regional Council

Jo Cavanagh

Bioeconomy Science Institute

Tanya Morrison

New Zealand Institute for
Environmental Health

Isobel Stout

Pattle Delamore Partners

Dave Bull

HAIL Environmental

Belinda Cridge

Water New Zealand

Gareth Oddy

Davis Ogilvie

Phil Wilkinson

Master Painters New Zealand

Ananda Card

Lead Aware NZ

Ben Keet

Geo & Hydro - K8

Greg Percival

Resene

Nick Kim

Massey University

Andrew Rumsby

EHS Support

Soil reuse

Refer to page 8 for more information.

Working Group members

Bruce Croucher

Ministry for Cities, Environment,
Regions & Transport (MCERT)

David Duncan

Fulton Hogan

Rod Lidgard

Pattle Delamore Partners

Tim Dee

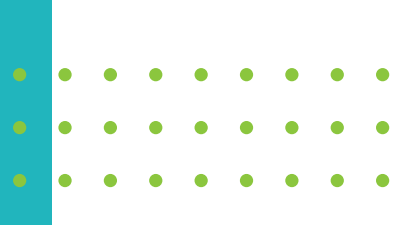
Jacobs

Joshua Evans

Waikato Regional Council

Sarah Newall

HAIL Environmental



working groups

Update of the Technical Guidelines for Disposal to Land

Please refer to page 14 for more information.

Working Group members

Jo-Anne Cavanagh

Bioeconomy Science Institute

Hugh Cherrill

Tonkin + Taylor

John Cocks

John Cocks Limited

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Regions & Transport (MCERT)

Laurence Dolan

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Mātaki Environmental

Simonne Eldridge

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Rowan Freeman

Babbage Consultants

Jurie Groenewald

WM New Zealand

Hannah Mirabueno

Environment Canterbury

Jonathan Shamrock

Tonkin + Taylor

Walter Stark

Jacobs

Natalie Webster

KiwiRail

CLM conference

The working group developed the programme for the CLM workshop on tier two risk assessment, held at the WasteMINZ + ALGA Conference. The working group also developed the CLM conference streams.

Working Group members

James Corbett

Auckland Council

Craig Cowper

Alliance

Bridget Derham

Fulton Hogan

Gemma Green

Z Energy

Isaac Hardy-Ward

Tonkin + Taylor

Georgina Harris

ERIAS Group Pty

Kim Harrison

Hill Labs

Marcus Herrmann

Riley Consultants

Simon Hunt

EHS Support NZ

Rachel Rait

Department of Conservation

Kim Wepasnick

Toitū Te Whenua Land
Information New Zealand

Tom Wilson

Protranz Earthmoving

CLM webinars

The working group ran two webinars specifically targeted towards contaminated land management practitioners on fingerprinting the source of hydrocarbon contamination, and asbestos in soils.

Working Group members

David Dangerfield

EHS Support

Kim Harrison

Hill Labs

Samantha Iles CHAIR

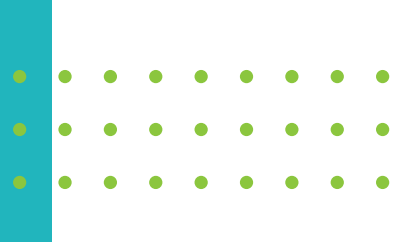
SLR Consulting

PAST MEMBERS**Stephen Thomson**

WSP New Zealand

David Jackson

GHD



working groups

Local Government Waste Policy Manifesto

A reference group was set up to support this project. More information about the manifesto is in the sector groups pages.

Working Group members

Valerie Bianchi

Waikato Regional Council

David Binstead

Kapiti Coast District Council

Nicole Bradbury

Hamilton District Council

Kyle Dudley

Upper Hutt City Council

Michele Frey

Gisborne District Council

Morgan Harrison

Whanganui District Council

Abi Hawkins

Central Otago District Council

Sheree Kearney

Whakatane District Council

Sophie Mander

Queenstown Lakes District Council

Sachin Narkhede

Timaru District Council

Anna Robinson

Dunedin City Council

Aviva Stein

Hutt City Council

Tania Utley

Auckland Council

Nationwide Kerbside Education Campaign

A reference group was established to support this project. More info about the campaign is in the sector groups pages.

Working Group members

Meghan Cooper

Rotorua Lakes District Council

Scott Copeland

Hamilton District Council

Joanne Dean

Masterton District Council

Eilidh Doma

Christchurch City Council

Melissa Doyle

Palmerston North City Council

Tarin Hunt

South Taranaki District Council

Diksha Kalra

Auckland Council

Katie McHugh

Western Bay of Plenty District Council

Rachel Milne

Whanganui District Council

Cathy Patoine

Queenstown Lakes District Council

Jordy Wiggins

Hastings District Council



Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand programme

This year marked the successful completion of our three-year Ministry for the Environment-funded project, which significantly strengthened Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand's reach, impact and position as the national voice on household food waste prevention.

Over the three years, we combined research, practical tools and national behaviour change campaigns to help households waste less food. The results show this work is translating into action at a national level. The national monitoring survey found that 67% of people aware of LFHW NZ reported throwing away less food as a direct result of the programme, while 84% had adopted at least one new food waste reduction action.

In year three, subscribers reported wasting an average of 17.6% less food per week, equivalent to around 29 kg per household per year. Across our subscriber base, this represents an estimated 771 tonnes of household food waste and 1,079 tonnes CO₂-e avoided.

The strength of LFHW NZ lies in its national model. By working collectively through one trusted brand, more than 50 councils, alongside partners, collaborators and WasteMINZ members, can access and amplify evidence-led messaging, professionally developed campaigns, practical tools and national partnerships at a scale that would be difficult to achieve individually. This shared approach creates greater consistency for households, extends the reach of food waste prevention activity, and gives organisations across the sector more opportunities to contribute to a coordinated national effort.

Following the results achieved over the past three years, the Ministry for Cities, Environment, Regions & Transport has provided further funding to support LFHW NZ for another two years. This next phase will build on what we have learned, with continued national behaviour change campaigns, and digital engagement, ensuring councils, partners and households can continue to benefit from a coordinated national approach to food waste prevention.

1

REACH & ENGAGEMENT

26.7K subscribers

More than doubled over the three-year project

300+ media placements

Keeping food waste prevention in the national conversation

1.3M+ digital interactions

Showing strong engagement with LFHW NZ content



2

UNDERSTANDING & BEHAVIOUR

73%

Increased their awareness of the environmental impact of food waste

67%

Throwing away less food as a direct result of hearing from LFHW NZ

84%

Adopted at least one new food waste reduction action



3

MEASURABLE IMPACT

17.6% less food wasted

Reported by subscribers each week

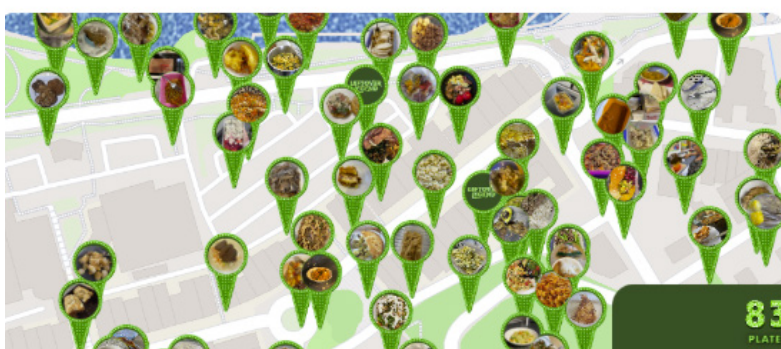
771 tonnes of food saved

Estimated across our subscriber community in year three

1,079 tonnes CO₂-e avoided

Estimated climate impact in year three

Love Food Hate Waste New Zealand programme





our events

Conference 2026

The 2026 WasteMINZ ALGA Conference & Expo was held at TSB Arena and Shed 6 in Wellington from 18–21 May, bringing together 660 attendees from across Aotearoa New Zealand and overseas. In a first for both organisations, WasteMINZ and ALGA joined forces to deliver a shared conference, bringing together their respective communities to create a broader programme of knowledge sharing, networking and collaboration.

Aligning with this partnership, the theme for the conference was *Mā te mahi tahi - Driving impact through collaboration*. Delegates were encouraged to share their learnings, challenge their thinking, discuss common challenges, brainstorm potential solutions, network, and have fun. Conference feedback was positive, with attendees finding value in bringing the two communities together.

The conference was supported by 19 valued sponsors including Tonkin + Taylor, Hill Labs, Eurofins, ALS Environmental NZ, EcoCycle (EcoBatt), EcoCentral, GHD, Stantec New Zealand, SLR Consulting, Beca, Re.Group, Foodstuffs, TOMRA, ENGEO, GIB Winstone Wallboards, Envitech, WasteCo, Repair Network Aotearoa, and LION. There was also a full exhibition hall comprised of 44 trade sites.

Our popular workshops opened the programme on 18 May, with the Territorial Authorities' Officers Forum and contaminated land management workshop both well attended. Two new sessions were also introduced: the Emerging Contaminated Land Management and Groundwater Professionals Workshop and a Women in the Industry breakfast and panel discussion.

The Awards for Excellence, on 19 May, celebrated excellence and innovation across the waste, resource recovery and contaminated land and groundwater sectors, with categories spanning the waste hierarchy from reduction, reuse and recovery through to disposal, research and advocacy. The WasteMINZ and ALGA collaboration expanded nominations across New Zealand and Australia, while new and returning awards recognised emerging professionals and sector contributors, including the inaugural WasteMINZ + ALGA Legend award.

Two site tours were held at the conclusion of the conference programme, which provided attendees with the opportunity to see innovative waste and resource recovery operations in person. The tours were held at Southern Landfill and EarthStarch Organic Solutions & Silverstream Landfill. Both were popular and received very positive feedback from attendees.

76%

of attendees worked at a senior, leadership, management or executive level

61%

of attendees were from waste operators, local government or consultants

22%

of attendees were first-timers

30%

of attendees came to network

39%

of attendees came for the programme, or to learn what's happening

our events

Our award winners

Left to right in order of award listing



Excellence in Waste Reduction or Product Redesign

Rescued Limited - Upcycled United

Excellence in Reuse, Repair and Repurposing

Repurpose It - Advanced Wash Plant & Circular Resource Recovery Program (not pictured)

Excellence in Resource Recovery

Auckland Council - The Recovery Project: Rethinking disaster recovery through resource reuse

Excellence in Sustainable Waste Disposal

ENGEO and Classic Developments - Smith Street Mine Shaft Encapsulation

Excellence in Research & Advocacy

University of Otago, in partnership with the Retirement Village Association - Waste less, care more: Reducing food waste in aged residential care

Terre Nicholson Contaminated Land & Groundwater Management

Emerging Professional of the Year
Charlotte Rayner - AECOM New Zealand

Waste and Resource Recovery

Emerging Professional of the Year
Giulio Laura - Localised

WasteMINZ + ALGA Legend

Michelle Begbie - Waikato Regional Council

our events

Webinars

Our webinars are thoughtfully designed to bring members together, providing valuable insights and opportunities for professional growth.

Steering committee update

KCTL phase out: Why? What is taking its place - how this will work and timing

Waste minimisation case studies

Waste Hierarchy - Level 3 - recycle, compost, anaerobic digestion- Waste Hierarchy in action

Mutu - Tauranga City Council Trial

Repair Festival Aotearoa - Right to Repair

Graduates and interns - approaches from different territorial authorities

Plastic flows into NZ

How to manage rural and farm solid waste

Optimising soil reuse progress update - issues and options identified

Exploring te ao Māori & mātauranga Māori in waste management - online panel discussion

Love Food Hate Waste Leftover Legends Toolkit launch

Unlock the insights from the 2025 Rabobank-KiwiHarvest NZ Food Waste Survey

Love Food Hate Waste Leftover Legends Campaign refresher session with Q&A

Reusable packaging systems on farms

C&D baseline and construction circular economy

Reclaiming our resources: Optimising soil reuse in infrastructure and land development

Waste Minimisation Fund - details about fund criteria, applications etc

Leftover Legends/Food Waste Action Week: Join the Legends: A celebration of Leftovers and action!

Shaping sustainable food Systems: Exploring the future of the Food-EPI tool

Thrifty threads, slow fashion and other second hand success stories

Update from the Recycling Leadership Forum

WasteMINZ community composting webinar

Biochar case studies



1738

approximately 1738
attendees across all
24 webinars

1225

with 1225 views
on YouTube

our events

Workshops

We design our workshops to bring members together for practical learning takeaways, meaningful discussion and opportunities to build professional skills and connections.

Nine battery stakeholder workshops. These were run as part of the small battery environmental scan project.

Supporting staff with workplace violence.

The economics of waste: Turning insights into action

Harnessing behavioural science to support waste minimisation - Utilising behavioural diagnosis for intervention matching.

Two Local Government Waste Policy Manifesto workshops, which were run to gather feedback about the manifesto.

250

Approximately 250 members registered for the battery stakeholder workshop series

190

Harnessing behavioural science to support waste minimisation received approximately 190 registrations

Networking events

WasteMINZ networking events provided a relaxed environment for members to connect, share ideas, and build professional relationships. They typically included two presentations followed by Q&A, offering fresh insights and discussion on topical issues. Combined with ample networking opportunities before and after the presentations, these networking events fostered knowledge sharing, strengthened professional relationships, and encouraged collaboration across the industry.

We listened to our members and introduced regional networking events across the North and South Islands, and the events were well received and attended. We look forward to expanding these opportunities to more regions in the coming months.

We also extend our thanks to the members who have supported these events by generously providing their premises and for the regional events, sponsoring them.

July 2025: Networking event
(Ministry for the Environment, Wellington)

August 2025: Regional networking event
(Fulton Hogan, Mt Maunganui)

September 2025: Networking event
(Stantec New Zealand, Christchurch)

October 2025: WasteMINZ AGM & networking event
(WSP, Auckland)

November 2025: Regional networking event
(SLR, Dunedin)

December 2025: Networking event
(Tonkin + Taylor, Auckland)

March 2026: Networking event
(Pattle Delamore Partners, Auckland)

April 2026: Regional networking event
(3R Group, Hastings)

June 2026: Networking event
(Tonkin + Taylor, Wellington)

400

Approximately 400 attended our networking events

our members

AS AT 30 JUNE 2026

Throughout the year, WasteMINZ has continued to strengthen the value we provide to our members, with a focus on making it easier to access information, connect with others and engage with the wider sector. We have continued to develop and refine our website and member portal, improving access to resources, industry information and member benefits while making it easier for members to stay connected and informed. A key initiative this year was the introduction of a new Not-for-Profit membership category, making WasteMINZ membership more accessible to organisations working for community and environmental benefit, and broadening participation across the sector.

Our meetings with members continued to provide valuable opportunities for strategic discussion, collaboration and direct engagement with WasteMINZ. These meetings give us an important opportunity to understand issues affecting their organisations and ensure our activities continue to reflect their needs.

Our Member Spotlights continue to highlight the accomplishments and innovation of our members and provide a platform to share their stories with the wider WasteMINZ community. We are also in the process of establishing an on-boarding programme to ensure our newer contacts have access to and knowledge of all the membership benefits.

Through these initiatives, along with our ongoing programme of events, communications, networking and professional development opportunities, WasteMINZ continues to support members to connect, learn, share knowledge and grow within the sector.

Platinum

Auckland Council
Christchurch City Council
Localised
Tonkin + Taylor
Waste & Recycling Industry
Association
WSP

Gold

Fulton Hogan
New Plymouth District
Council
Re.Group

Silver

3R Group
Coca Cola Amatil NZ
Dunedin City Council
Environment Canterbury
Fonterra Co-Operative
Group
Foodstuffs New Zealand
Geofabrics New Zealand
Gore District Council
HAIL Environmental
Hamilton City Council

Hutt City Council
Invercargill City Council
Marlborough District Council
Omarunui Landfill
Pattle Delamore Partners
Plasback
Scion Research
SLR Consulting
Southland District Council
Stantec New Zealand
Sulo NZ
Tauranga City Council
TOMRA Collection Services
Waikato Regional Council
Ward Demolition
Wellington City Council
Woolworths NZ

Corporate

AB Lime
ALS Environmental NZ
Ashburton District Council
Atrax Group NZ
Australasian Bioplastics
Association
Babbage
Bay of Plenty Regional
Council
Beca
BJ Scarlett

Bluemont NZ
BMH Technology Oy
BP New Zealand
Briscoe Group
Canterbury Environmental
Solutions
Carterton District Council
Central Demolition
Central Otago District
Council
Christchurch International
Airport
Civic Contractors
Clutha District Council
CORDE
Daltons
Davis Ogilvie & Partners
Deloitte
Department of Conservation
Easi Recycling NZ
EcoCycle
Ecogas
Eco Maintenance
EcoCentral
EHS Support
Eliot Sinclair
ENGEO
Envirocon
Envirofert
Environmental
Decontamination (NZ)

5%

Overall membership
numbers increased
by 5%

33%

Individual members
increased by 33%

TOP
5

INDUSTRIES
REPRESENTED

Local government

Consultants

Waste operator,
processor, or collector

Recycling operator,
processor or collector

CLM specialists



Eunomia Research & Consulting
 Eurofins Environmental Testing NZ
 Fire Protection Technologies
 Forte Health
 Fraser Thomas
 Freightways
 Geostabilization NZ (GSI)
 Geosynthetic Partners International (GPIL)
 GHD
 Gisborne District Council
 Global Metal Solutions
 Gore Cover
 Hartford Technologies
 Hauraki District Council
 Hawke's Bay Regional Council
 HD Geo
 Hill Laboratories
 Horowhenua District Council
 IKEA New Zealand
 Jacobs New Zealand
 Kaipara District Council
 Kanadevia Inova Australia
 Kapiti Coast District Council
 KiwiRail
 LDE
 Leach & Co
 Liebherr Australia
 Lion
 LMS Energy NZ
 MacKenzie District Council
 Manawatu District Council
 Masterton District Council
 Matamata Piako District Council
 Mike Edridge Contracting
 MITO
 Mitre 10
 Morrison Low & Associates
 Napier City Council
 Nelson City Council
 New Zealand Defence Force
 NHR Group
 Northland Regional Council
 NZ Pulp & Paper
 OCS
 Oji Fibre Solutions
 Opotiki District Council
 Otago Regional Council
 Otorohanga District Council
 Pacific Hygiene Solutions
 Palmerston North City Council
 Phoenix Recycling Group
 Porirua City Council
 Programmed
 Queenstown Lakes District Council

Reclaim
 Riley Consultants
 Rotaform Plastics
 Rotorua Lakes District Council
 Ruapehu District Council
 Salters Cartage
 Selwyn District Council
 Sephira Environmental
 Sims Metal
 SmartShelters
 Southbase Construction
 South Taranaki District Council
 South Waikato District Council
 Southern Transport
 Spark
 Sustainable Business Network
 Tasman District Council
 TechCollect NZ
 Tennex Group
 Terra Firma Laboratories
 Tetra Pak
 Te Whatu Ora - Health New Zealand
 Thames Coromandel District Council
 The University of Auckland
 The Warehouse
 Timaru District Council
 Transpower NZ
 Trojan Holdings
 Upper Hutt City Council
 Viking Containment/Skellerup Containment
 Waikato District Council
 Waimakariri District Council
 Waipa District Council
 Waitaki District Council
 WasteCo NZ
 Watercare Services
 Western Bay of Plenty District Council
 Westland District Council
 Whakatane District Council
 Whanganui District Council
 Whangarei District Council
 Wilkinson Transport Engineers
 Winstone Wallboards
 Z Energy

Small Business

5R Solutions
 Aecom New Zealand
 Againery
 Alchemy Systems
 Aotearoa Composters Network
 ARC Asbestos Removal & Demolition
 Astron Sustainability NZ
 Australian Packaging Covenant Organisation
 Bioenergy
 BioRich
 Biowrap
 biOx Environmental
 Bonson Industrial Co
 BTW Company
 Budget Plastics (NZ)
 Buller District Council
 CAN PLAN Nelson
 Canterbury Landscape Supplies
 Cato Bolam Consultants
 Central Hawke's Bay District Council
 Ceres New Zealand
 Compostify
 Confoil NZ
 Conveyor Industries
 Cook Brothers
 e3scientific
 Earthcure Global
 Earth Starch
 Echo Tech
 Eco Stock Supplies
 Ecoware
 ECP
 ēkot Circular Solutions
 Endless Holdings
 Engineering Compost Systems
 Envirolink
 Envision New Zealand
 Environmental Protection Authority
 Envitech Projects NZ
 ERoad
 Evolve Ventures
 Exposure Science Consulting
 Far North District Council
 Focus Environmental Services
 Foote Bins
 Frews Contracting
 Gleeson Group
 Global Composting Solutions
 Green Cycle
 Grey District Council
 Hawkeswood Civil

Hawthorne Geddes Engineers & Architects
 Hi Tech Rear Vision
 Hi-Tech Packaging
 Hurunui District Council
 Infrastructure Cook Islands
 Innovative Waste Kaikoura
 Insight Waste and Resources Advisory
 IVS Labs
 JBL Environmental
 Kaipara Refuse
 Kawerau District Council
 Kiwi Skips
 Kiwi Waste and Recycling
 LADRA
 Laminex NZ
 Land Information New Zealand
 Landlogic
 Living Earth Christchurch
 Lowe Environmental Impact
 Mad World
 Material Insights
 Matrix Design Australia
 M E Jukes & Son
 Midwest Disposals
 Momentum Environmental
 MyNoke
 NALG Envirotech
 Nurox Hydrothermal
 NZ Environmental Management
 NZ Food and Grocery Council
 OCS Environmental
 Organic Waste Management
 Pacific Waste Holdings
 Parau Organics (2006)
 Parex Industries
 Pioneer Waste & Recycling Equipment
 Plastoil
 Powerco
 Precia Molen
 Prime Environmental
 Primetech Systems
 Priority One Western Bay of Plenty
 Pro-Manage Consulting
 Protranz
 Rangitikei District Council
 Red Stag Timber
 Reharvest Timber Products
 Revital
 Ridge Rd Quarry
 Rubbish Direct
 SafeWaste NZ
 SI Lodec NZ
 SJ Allen Holdings



Solutions 3sixty
South Wairarapa District Council
Springline
SQN Consulting
Steinert Australia
Stratford District Council
Sustain & Enable
Taranaki Regional Council
Taranaki District Council
Taupo District Council
Thomas Consultants
Toitu Envirocare
Trevelyan's Pack & Cool
Upcycle
Versity
Waimate District Council
Wairoa District Council
Waitomo District Council
Warren and Mahoney
Waste-Ed With Kate
Waste Not Consulting
Wheelie Bin Services
Wilkinson Environmental NZ
Woods Waste

Recycle South
Repair Network Aotearoa
Reuse Aotearoa
Seagull Centre
Sustainability Trust
Textile Rescue
The KNZB Charitable Trust
The New Zealand Ecolabelling Trust
The Packaging Forum
Waitaki Resource Recovery Trust
Waiuku Zero Waste
Wastebusters
WISE Charitable Trust
Xtreme Zero Waste
Zero Waste Aotearoa
Zero Waste Tāmaki Makaurau Trust

Life Members

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Neal Absalom
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Jim Bradley
Stu Clark
John Cocks
Sue Coutts
Simonne Eldridge
Allan Goddard
Tony Kortegast
Sophie Mander
Angela McErlane
John Palmer
Darren Patterson
Graeme Proffitt
Dr Peter Robinson*
Gary Saunders
Warren Snow*
Parul Sood
Norm Thom*
Lew Thorstensen*
Charles Willmot

*passed away

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Thank you also for your support. Due to the Privacy Act we are unable to list

Not-For-Profit

Aggregate & Quarry Association
Anamata Community Enterprise
Aotearoa Food Rescue Alliance
Auto Stewardship New Zealand
Cool-Safe (Trust for the Destruction of Synthetic Refrigerants)
EcoMatters Environment Trust
EERST
Global Action Plan Oceania
GS1 New Zealand
Helensville Community Recycling Centre
Life Cycle Association of New Zealand
Love Food Hate Waste
MPHS Community Trust
Nelson Environment Centre
New Zealand Food Network
NZ Association of Metal Recyclers
NZ Food Waste Champions
12.3 Trust
Para Kore Marae
Plastics New Zealand

Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated
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For the Year Ended 30th June 2026

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Purpose of Institute

The Institute is committed to promoting and developing waste management practices which protect the environment and provide for the sustainable use of natural resources for the benefit of all New Zealanders.

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Consulting Accountant

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Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated
Statement of Financial Performance
(Income and Expenditure Account)
For the Year Ended 30th June 2026

INCOME	2026	2025
Conference Registrations	770,932	599,117
Conference Other Income	18,675	7,080
Conference Sponsorships	154,374	126,250
Conference Trade Exhibit	173,560	171,184
	<u>1,117,540</u>	<u>903,630</u>
EXPENSE		
Conference General Costs	49,043	60,112
Conference Audio visual Equipment Hire	82,500	73,792
Conference Trade Exhibits	14,228	18,604
Conference Insurance	6,830	8,361
Conference Venue and Catering	295,025	260,223
Conference Travel, Accommodation and Transport	23,460	16,060
Conference Wages & Salaries	195,507	190,000
ALGA Portion of profit	89,557	0
	<u>756,149</u>	<u>627,151</u>
Conference/Summit Profit	361,391	276,479
Income		
TAO Collaborative Fund Income	25,000	42,371
Funded Projects	257,442	114,855
Love Food Hate Waste	7,800	43,832
Marketing and Advertising	1,150	2,580
Membership Fees	391,033	390,091
National Food Waste Project Income	1,067,784	1,028,043
Profit of Sale of Asset	0	10,435
Sundry Income	61	1,638
Workshops	39,281	68,850
Interest Received	3,737	13,384
Total Income	<u>2,154,680</u>	<u>1,992,558</u>
Less Expenses		
Accident Compensation Levy	2,121	1,782
Accountancy Fees/Audit Fees	8,493	8,729
Bank Charges	349	364
Comms Strategy	0	5,422
Employment Expenses	7,565	6,879
Insurance	4,837	5,213
IT and Website Expense	29,182	25,664
Legal Expenses	4,548	14,861
Marketing And Advertising	903	4,975
Motor Vehicle Expenses	6,470	4,464
Members Networking and Board Expenses	16,638	9,300
National Food Waste Project Expenses	1,025,113	1,039,643
Office and General Expenses	5,703	4,101
Postage and Courier	26	11
Printing and Stationery	8,998	7,023
Project Fees	244,941	15,898
Recovery of Debt	0	5,405
Rent and Rates	18,859	19,785
Sector Group Expenses	290,448	279,570
Strategic Investment Fund Expenses	0	98,957
Subscriptions and Memberships	1,778	1,876
Telephone, Tolls and Internet	3,771	3,779
Travel & Accommodation	9,900	6,064
Wages and Salaries	300,415	277,926
Workshop Expenses	10,792	23,900
Total Expenses	<u>2,001,849</u>	<u>1,871,591</u>
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Depreciation	152,831	120,967
Less Depreciation Adjustments		
Depreciation as per Schedule	36,459	35,840
Net Depreciation Adjustment	<u>36,459</u>	<u>35,840</u>
Fringe Benefit Tax	7,353	7,263
Tax Payable	5,318	5,258
Net Surplus (Deficit) Before Non Deductible Expenditure	103,702	72,606
Net Surplus (Deficit) for Year	<u><u>103,702</u></u>	<u><u>72,606</u></u>



Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated
Statement of Movements in General and Strategic Funds
For the Year Ended 30th June 2026

	2026	2025
GENERAL FUND AT START OF PERIOD	759,902	786,254
Total Funds Start of Period	<u>759,902</u>	<u>786,254</u>
Movement in Strategic Investment Fund		
Opening Balance	0	0
Transferred from General Fund	0	98,957
Money Spent from Strategic Investment Fund as approved	<u>0</u>	<u>98,957</u>
Ending Balance of Strategic Fund	0	0
Movement in General Fund		
Opening Balance	<u>759,902</u>	786,254
Transferred to Strategic Investment Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>(98,957)</u>
Balance Retained Earnings	759,902	687,297
Net Surplus (Deficit) for Year	<u>103,702</u>	<u>72,606</u>
Total recognised revenues and expenses for the Year	103,702	72,606
GENERAL FUND AT END OF PERIOD	<u><u>863,603</u></u>	<u><u>759,902</u></u>



Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated
Statement of Financial Position
(Balance Sheet)
As at 30th June 2026

GENERAL FUNDS	2026	2025
Retained Earnings	<u>863,603</u>	<u>759,902</u>
Represented by:		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cheque and Call Accounts	997,992	601,933
Petty Cash	6	19
Total Cash and Bank	997,998	601,952
Accounts Receivable	130,198	64,141
Prepayments	<u>20,876</u>	<u>16,798</u>
	151,074	80,939
Current Assets	1,149,072	682,891
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	257,048	119,024
Accounting and Audit Fees	6,500	6,000
Consumer Waste Audit	11,975	28,263
Fringe Benefit Tax	1,785	1,907
GST Due for payment	-1,030	-1,942
Holiday Pay Accrual	43,658	55,848
PAYE Liability	30,105	23,603
Wages Accrual for Monthly Expense	27,402	22,812
Sundry Accruals	17,779	15,790
Membership Fees Prepaid	6,583	2,801
Money Received in error	207	1,641
Love Food Hate Waste	153,496	55,826
National Food Waste Project	0	24,895
TA Collaborative Fund	265,766	25,461
WasteMINZ Batteries Sector Review	0	100,000
Tax Payable	<u>1,638</u>	<u>5,258</u>
	822,912	487,184
Surplus in Working Capital	326,160	195,707
FIXED ASSETS		
Net Book Value as per schedule	537,443	564,195
	<u>863,603</u>	<u>759,902</u>

For and on behalf of the Board;

Paul M.

Chair

Paul Evans

Deputy Chair

Insert Date **06/08/2026**

06/08/2026

The notes and accounting policies form an integral part of these financial statements and should be read in conjunction with the Auditor's Report



Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated
Schedule of Fixed Assets and Depreciation
For the Year Ended 30th June 2026

	Purchase Dates	Cost Price	Additions	Gain/Loss on Disposal	Capital Profit	Mth	Depreciation Rate	Depn Method	Depn	Accum Deprec 30/06/2026	Book Value 30/06/2026
Total for Office Equipment		63,635	899	\$0	\$0		11%-48%	SL	2896	57984	6,550
Total Computer Equipment		25,265	7,274				50%		2422	26526	6,013
Total Other IT Equipment		125,952	- -	6,186.90			16%-50%		18800	90651	29,114
Total Mobile Phones		1,506	930				67%		52	1558	878
<u>MOTOR VEHICLE</u>											
Hyundia Tuscan		45,407	-						9535	17376	28,031
EV Charger		3,332							0	3332	-
Total Motor Vehicle		48,739.42	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,535	20,708	28,031
<u>LAND AND BUILDINGS</u>											
Unit 2/I 59 Apollo Drive, Rosedale Land only		216,320									216,320
Unit 2/I 59 Apollo Drive, Rosedale Building Only only		275,316	\$0						2753	24778	250,537
Total Land and Buildings		\$491,635	\$0						2753	24778	\$466,857
TOTAL		\$756,734	\$9,103	-\$6,187	\$0	\$0			36459	222206	\$537,443



STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTING POLICIES

1. REPORTING ENTITY

The financial statements presented here are for the entity Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated. Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated is incorporated as a board under the Incorporated Societies Act. The Financial Statements of Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated are Special Purpose Financial Statements which have been prepared based on the Special Purpose Financial Reporting Framework for use by For-Profit Entities published by NZ Accounting Standards Board, as well as the requirements of external users of the financial statements and its members.

2. MEASUREMENT BASE

The accounting principles recognised as appropriate for the measurement and reporting of earnings and financial position on a historical cost basis have been used, with the exception of certain items for which specific accounting policies have been identified.

3. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING POLICIES

There have been no changes in accounting policies. All policies have been applied on bases consistent with those used in previous years.

4. SPECIFIC ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following specific accounting policies which materially affect the measurement of financial performance and the financial position, have been applied:

(a) Differential Reporting

Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated is a qualifying entity in that it qualifies for Differential Reporting as it is not publicly accountable and there is no separation between the owners and the governing body.

All Differential Reporting exemptions have been applied.

(b) Fixed Assets & Depreciation

The entity has the following classes of fixed assets:

Office Equipment
Motor Vehicle
Land and Building

All fixed assets are initially recorded at cost with depreciation being deducted on all tangible fixed assets other than freehold land, in accordance with rates set out in the Income Tax Act 2007.

Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated
Notes to and forming part of the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended 30th June 2026

(c) Goods & Services Tax

The Statement of Financial Performance and Statement of Cashflows (where included) have been prepared so that all components are stated exclusive of GST. All items in the Statement of Financial Position are stated net of GST, with the exception of Accounts Receivables and Payables.

(d) Income Tax

A provision has been made for Fringe Benefit Tax Payable and Tax Payable of non-member income, Waste Management Institute New Zealand Incorporated is eligible for the income tax deduction as a non-profit body afforded by the IRD.

(e) Receivables

Receivables are stated at their estimated realisable value. Bad Debts are written off in the year in which they are identified.

(f) Investments

Investments are carried at the lower of cost and net realisable value. Where in the opinion of the Board there has been a permanent reduction in the value of the investments, this has been brought to account in the current period.

5. OPERATIVE COMMITMENTS

The society has an operating lease commitment with Fuji Xerox for five years commencement 21 January 2023 to expiry date of 21 January 2028. Commitment for 2027 is \$3,300 and non current portion of \$1,925.

6. RELATED PARTY DISCLOSURES

The governance of the society is not aware of any related party transactions requiring disclosure.

7. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

The comparative figures cover the Financial Year Ended 30 June 2025.

8. AUDIT

These financial statements have been subject to audit, please refer to the Auditor's Report.

9. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

No significant subsequent events have been noted.

10. SECURITIES AND GUARANTEES

There was no overdraft as at balance date nor were any facilities arranged.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To MEMBERS of the WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC.

Report on audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements which comprise:

- the statement of financial position (Balance Sheet) as at 30 June 2026,
- the statement of movement in general funds,
- the statement of financial performance (Income and Expenditure Account) for the year then ended, and
- notes, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion the financial statements on page 3 to 8 present fairly the financial position of the WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC as at 30 June 2026 and its financial performance for the year ended on that date in accordance with the requirements of the Special Purpose Framework used by For-Profit-Entities [SPF-FPE] issued by the NZ Accounting Standards Board relevant to reporting financial position and profit and loss for small to medium entities reporting on income tax special purpose reports.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (New Zealand) (ISAs (NZ)). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report.

We are independent of WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC in accordance with Professional and Ethical Standard 1 (Revised) *Code of Ethics for Assurance Practitioners* issued by the New Zealand Auditing and Assurance Standards Board and the International Ethics Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code), and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other than in our capacity as auditor we have no other relationship with, or interests in WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC.

Emphasis of matter – Basis of Accounting and Restriction on Distribution and Use

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to page 7, Note 1, which describes the financial statements that have been prepared in accordance with the SPF-FPE. As a result, the special purpose financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

Our report is intended for the WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC's reporting purposes only and should not be distributed to or used by parties other than the WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

Governance Board Responsibility for the Financial Statements

The governance board is responsible for determining that the SPF-FPE framework is acceptable in WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC's circumstances, for the preparation of financial statements, and for such internal control as the governance board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the governance board is responsible for assessing WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the committee intend to liquidate WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to

- obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error; and
- to issue an independent auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with ISAs (NZ) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with ISAs (NZ), we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We are also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the governing board.
- conclude on the appropriateness of the use of the going concern basis of accounting by the governing board. Based on the audit evidence obtained, no material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on WASTE MANAGEMENT INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND INC's ability to continue as a going concern. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report, and no assurances are provided for any future events or conditions which may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the governing board, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Audit Integrity

Audit Integrity Ltd

Chartered Accountants

East Tamaki, Auckland

6 August 2026

WASTEMINZ STRATEGY 2025-2028

mission and vision

To champion sectors dedicated to waste management, waste avoidance, resource recovery and contaminated land management, and create a future where people, communities and nature in Aotearoa New Zealand thrive together

values

Kaitiakitanga We are stewards of our environment

Kotahitanga Our success comes through working collaboratively

Akoranga Learning and best practice sits at the heart of what we do

Manaakitanga We show respect, generosity, and hospitality towards others by fostering positive relationships

strategic pillars



Champion and influence

We amplify the voice of our sectors to influence policy, shift public understanding, and enable system change



Connect and grow

We bring people together to build capacity, strengthen relationships, and grow the collective impact of our members



Lead and empower

We drive excellence by backing new thinking, sharing good practice, and championing smart solutions

priorities

Engage with government, media, communities and other key stakeholders to highlight challenges and offer practical solutions

Run events that enable connection, professional development and knowledge-sharing

Identify and commission evidence-based research to support decision-making, future regulations, and innovation

Respond to consultations to ensure decisions are informed by evidence and sector expertise

Build our members' knowledge of and engagement with Mātauranga Māori and Te Ao Māori

Identify areas where change is needed and implement initiatives, collaborating where appropriate

Run behaviour change campaigns targeting the public, members, and other key stakeholders

Promote diverse voices and perspectives to strengthen sector learnings

Develop technical and good practice guidance

Provide opportunities to enable our members to identify issues and work collaboratively with each other and with other sectors

Provide platforms for members to share and celebrate innovation



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7 November 1989

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