

Strategic Plan

WasteMINZ

Organic Materials Sector Group

2020 -2022

Vision:

To minimise the generation of residual organic materials, and maximize the value of residual organic materials, ensuring their beneficial reuse.

Strategic Areas of Focus:

1. **Market development:** to look at the full range of potential uses for these resources and to gain a better understanding of the challenges and requirements of each. To explore the range of technology options and innovations for dealing with organic waste prioritising those which lead to the best environmental outcomes taking into account both the waste hierarchy and climate change.
2. **Strategy Development:** to develop a cohesive strategy which will guide sector activity.
3. **Quality:** to ensure that organic waste products are fit for purpose and can be sold in a full range of markets. To ensure that biodegradable products and packaging are fit for purpose and can be disposed of appropriately/ beneficially.
4. **Health and Safety:** to ensure that organic waste products meet the appropriate standards for consumer and soil health and that contaminant risks are appropriately managed. To ensure that biodegradable products and packaging meet the appropriate standards for consumer and soil health and are labelled accordingly.
5. **Minimisation:** support initiatives to minimise the generation of residual organic materials.

Goals:

1. Raise the profile of compost soil amendment products and other products derived from organic materials and the sector group with key stakeholders
2. Determine whether certified compostable packaging can break down within New Zealand's home and commercial composting facilities in accordance with international standards.

3. Determine what infrastructure, investment and public education is needed to develop circular solutions for collecting and processing organic waste materials and biodegradable products and packaging.
4. Create appropriate forums for the industry to share knowledge, discuss issues, develop ideas, identify priorities and test concepts.
5. Develop industry health and safety guidelines and testing protocols for organic waste processing technologies using evidence based good practise.