

## Organic Materials Sector Group Work Plan 2020

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

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

Project 1	Compostable serveware and packaging			
Activities		Timeframe	Project Lead	
1.	Provide stakeholder input into the Packaging Forum's project on determining a suitable standard for compostable packaging and the creation of a label and certification scheme.	2018	Daniel O'Carroll	Completed
2.	If there is a need hold a stakeholder meeting for compost manufacturers to seek feedback on suitable standards and solutions to issues facing composters	2018	Jenny Marshall	Completed
3.	Develop an online resource where event organisers and companies wishing to use compostable cups can easily see if there is a composting facility in their area.	2018	Jenny Marshall	Completed
4.	Develop factsheets explaining the difference between degradable biodegradable and compostable items	March 2019	Sarah Pritchett	Completed
5.	Develop guidelines explaining how manufacturers should substantiate claims around biodegradability	April 2019	Sarah Pritchett	Completed
6.	Develop a communications strategy to promote the factsheets and guidelines	May 2019	Sarah Pritchett	Completed

7.	Contact manufacturers who are in breach of the guidelines and inform them of what they need to do to comply	May 2019	Sarah Pritchett	On going
8.	Support Scions project to conduct practical tests at composting facilities to determine whether international standards are a good predictor of successful decomposition in New Zealand composting facilities.	2019/ 2020	Jenny Marshall Daniel O'Carroll Joe Buist Paul McGuire	In progress
9.	Develop a factsheet explaining how terms such as "plant based" can be used.	2019/2020	Sarah Pritchett	completed
10.	Provide feedback to APCO on their report into labelling of compostable packaging	Dec 2019	Richard Fine + Steering Committee	In progress
11.	Undertake a citizen science project to determine whether home compostable packaging does break down in home composts	Dec- Dec 2020	Jenny Marshall Daniel Yallop Joe Buist	In progress
12.	Quantify how many households have composts in NZ that can break down compostable packaging	Dec- Dec 2020	Jenny Marshall Daniel Yallop Joe Buist	In progress
13.	Investigate New Zealanders attitudes and perceptions of compostable packaging		Jenny Marshall NZ Magazine Association	completed
<b>Project 2</b>	<b>Stakeholder Engagement</b>			
<b>Activities</b>		<b>Timeframe</b>	<b>Project Lead</b>	
1.	Identify opportunities such as conferences, industry publications etc. where the opportunities and benefits of compost and soil amendment products can be promoted; using organic materials as feedstock for new products, for example compost, stock feed, energy production or bio-chemicals.	2019/2020	Chris Purchas	

2.	Create opportunities for the organic materials sector to network and collaborate via either virtual and/or face to face events.	Ongoing	TBC	
<b>Project 3</b>	<b>Health and Safety guidelines for organic waste facilities</b>			
	Activities	Time Frame	Project Lead	
1.	Investigate to see what fire risk documentation exists	2019	Nic Quilty	Completed
2.	Develop a factsheet on managing fire risk	2019/ 2020	Daniel O'Carroll	In progress
<b>Project 4</b>	<b>Strategy Development</b>			
1.	Complete a preliminary mapping of the investment required for infrastructure and research for the organic sector and present to investors such as MfE (WMF), PGF, Councils and the private sector. This may include <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Mapping available materials (MSW, process waste, on-farm/forest)</li> <li>- Identifying potential value adding activities including considering the commercial and policy framework in New Zealand.</li> <li>- Developing an investment and research plan to maximise the value of unwanted organic materials in the NZ economy.</li> <li>- Identifying existing and potential end markets</li> </ul>	2020	Lisa Hack Chris Purchas Daniel O'Carroll	
2.	Investigate and promote the benefits of organic waste derived carbon in soil in terms of carbon sequestration and avoided impacts of degradation in landfill.	2021	Investigate finding a student to undertake this work	

