

TAO Forum Sector Group Minutes, Wednesday 5 May 2021

TAO Forum Steering Committee

Location: Microsoft Office Teams

Date: Wednesday 5 May

In attendance: Andre Erasmus (Kawerau District Council); Angela Atkins (Hastings District Council); Donna Peterson (Invercargill City Council); Eilidh Hilson (Christchurch City Council) Jennifer Elliot (Wellington Region); Kimberley Hope (New Plymouth District Council); Kirsty Quickfall (Hamilton City Council); Parul Sood (Auckland Council); Sophie Mander (Queenstown Lakes District Council)

Facilitator: Sarah Pritchett (WasteMINZ)

Apologies: Kirsty Quickfall (Hamilton City Council)

1. **Meeting open, apologies and agenda**
2. Previous minutes – Parul moved, Sophie seconded

3. **Actions from previous meeting**

Climate Change Commission recommendations to government:

The review of the New Zealand Waste Strategy is likely to include targets for reduction of organics to landfill to support government's wider emissions reduction targets. The Climate Commission will provide advice to government on the direction of the policies and targets required in the emissions reduction plan. The government is expected to confirm an emissions reduction plan by the end of 2021 setting out policies and strategies for meeting the 2050 emission targets. The TAO Forum provided feedback to the Commission Draft Recommendation Report consultation process. A copy of the submission can be found [here](#).

It may be valuable to share TA's organics waste reduction plans in WMMPs especially where included in Council Climate Action/Emissions Reduction Plans. This could help support TAs where climate action and emissions reductions plan are yet to be established.

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Waste Manifesto update: The TA Forum has requested the LGNZ Board adopt the revised Waste Manifesto 2020 as its policy view on waste. The content of the Manifesto 2020 is widely supported by TA's and it is not considered necessary to formally consider a remit at the LGNZ annual conference. A formal letter requesting the adoption has been sent to LGNZ CE Susan Freeman-Greene.

Outstanding items from the last meeting

Date raised	Action Point	Deadline	Allocated to	Status
9/2/21	Donna will contact the Behaviour Change Sector Group Committee Members and seek views on the future of that group	End of Feb	Donna	Unknown
9/2/21	Invite MfE to present a webinar (or series) as part of the consultation on the Waste Strategy and WMA and share progress on the various RECET work programmes	March/April	Sarah	Ongoing
9/2/21	Kirsty to see if the report Eonomia is producing for the Waikato/BOP region can be widely circulated	When report is complete	Kirsty	Unknown

3. Agenda items

3.1 Draft work programme discussion

The work plan was discussed and completed.

3.2 RRR update – PFJ and final campaign

Work is well underway with PFJ 2021. WasteMINZ has a PFJ working group made up of TAOS, retail and community groups. We are partnering with Para Kore and UYO (Use your own) to reach a wide audience and the working group members are also doing a great job of making contact with various organisations and individuals. Para Kore is developing some resources, and UYO has 20 social media influencers who have agreed to promote PFJ to their followers, with a total following of \$1 million.

The final campaign will be informed by the Colmar Brunton qualboard findings and ideas are being worked on by the RRR working group, which is made up of TAOs.

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3.3 Waste data survey update

The initial survey which sought to find out what kind of data TAs are currently collecting, had 50 responses, with 36 councils indicating they were happy to provide actual data to WasteMINZ. The follow up survey seeking data on diversion rates, rubbish to landfill and composition of both recycling and rubbish, received 26 responses. These surveys are now being analysed but the results from the initial one regarding what data is being collected has been sent to MfE as the start of their consultation on reporting requirements, with all identifying information removed.

3.4 Illegal dumping of waste survey update

A survey on illegal dumping of rubbish received 18 responses and will form part of a report that will provide a snapshot on illegal dumping of rubbish in Aotearoa, which is being drafted.

3.5 LFHW EOI for WMF

An Expression of Interest on extending the LFHW campaign to diverse ethnic groups will be submitted to the WMF. If successful, the grant will allow the development of culturally relevant resources in the language of specific ethnic groups. The ongoing financial support of TAs for LFHW will be sought soon as the current funding commitment runs out at the end of 2021.

3.3 Upcoming webinars

A webinar on MfE reporting requirements is being held in May and there is another MfE webinar planned on the WMA and Litter Act reviews

3.4 AOB

A planning meeting for the TAO Forum will be held with the steering committee to plan the agenda for the 18 October. Some members of the steering committee are also on the WasteMINZ Conference planning committee which will help shape the overall conference programme.

Action items from this meeting:

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5/5/21	Jennifer to contact Donna regarding the behaviour change steering committee	Next meeting	Jennifer
5/5/21	Sarah to follow up with LGNZ CE	7/5/21	Sarah

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5/5/21	Sarah to follow up with Charlie Hanna re webinar on amendments to the Litter Act and WMA and ask if the updates to the waste strategy would be part of this webinar	14/5/21	Sarah
5/5/21	Sophie to share Otago Waste Infrastructure Analysis when it is completed	by end 2021	Sophie
5/5/21	Set up Trello calendar with year's events, campaigns and submissions then share on WasteMINZ website	June	Sarah
5/5/21	Sophie to follow up with Janine regarding meeting with Minister Parker	June	Sophie
5/5/21	Kimberley to send through template for tips to successful engagement for local government with central government	21/5/21	Kimberley
5/5/21	Contact Donna regarding priority product consultation	21/5/21	Sarah
5/5/21	Identifying potential risks to TAs with new waste strategy and WMA amendments		Parul and Sophie

Meeting closed at 2.30pm