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Organic Materials Sector Group Strategic Vision and Work Plan 2021-2022

Vision: The group's vision is 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

Organic Materials Sector Group Strategic Plan

Strategic Areas of Focus:

1. Improve access to existing information

- a. Central point to access trusted information
- b. Create appropriate forums for the industry to share knowledge, discuss issues, develop ideas, identify priorities and test concepts
- c. Community & youth as well as business/industry

2. Maintain view on emerging research

- a. Emerging contaminants such as PFAS
- b. Soil benefits - global work, interpreted for New Zealand soils
- c. Compostable packaging

3. Contribute to policy debate/development

- a. ERP consultation
- b. Waste strategy and legislation consultation
- c. Infrastructure consultation
- d. Position statement consultation on compostable packaging with MFE

4. Market development

- a. Investigate the full range of potential uses for these resources and gain a better understanding of the challenges and requirements of each. 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.

5. Holistic view on maximising the value of organic materials – technology, broader outcomes

- a. Develop a cohesive strategy to guide sector activity - use the expertise of the group
- b. Integration with other groups in the sector

Project 1	Improve access to existing information			
Activities		Timeframe	Project Lead	Status
1.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping exercise to determine topics for resource library on member portal • Develop a resource library of relevant literature • Educate members about existing sources of credible studies 	First scope – end of March 2022	Kate	
2.	<p>Create appropriate forums for the industry to share knowledge, discuss issues, develop ideas, identify priorities and test concepts including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • webinars for 2022 • conference sessions • workshops 	Ongoing	Sarah	
3.	Turn resource library into public facing resource	TBD (2022)		

Project 2	Maintain view on emerging research			
Activities		Timeframe	Project Lead	Status
1.	Join International Composting Alliance to collaborate and learn from international research and best practice https://www.internationalcompostalliance.com/	Ongoing	Sarah	Joined, ongoing
2.	Emerging contaminants e.g. PFAS – co-host hui with Kim Renshaw, The Packaging Forum	November 2021 and February 2022	Chris/Sarah	In progress
3.	Soil benefits - global work, interpreted for New Zealand soils	TBC		Aspirational
Project 3	Contribute to policy debate/development			
Activities		Time Frame	Project Lead	Status
1.	Submit on the Emissions Reduction Plan	24 November 2021	Sarah to coordinate	Completed
2.	Submit on the waste strategy and WMA and Litter Act legislation reforms	10 December 2021	Sarah to coordinate	Completed

3.	Continue to work with EPA on best way to address clopyralid in compost	2022	Chris	ongoing
4.	Contribute to Packaging Forum's use case for compostable packaging work	December 2021 and February 2022	Sarah/Chris	One hui held, one held in February
5.	Contribute to MfE's position paper on compostable packaging	March 2022	Sarah	In progress
Project 4	Market development			
Activities		Time Frame	Project Lead	Status
1.	Investigate Refed for NZ	End of March 2022	Sarah	In progress
2.	Survey on regional demand	2 nd half of 2022	Sarah/Logan	
Project 5	1. Holistic view on maximising the value of organic materials – technology, broader outcomes			
Activities		Time Frame	Project Lead	Status
3.	Develop a cohesive strategy to guide sector activity - use the expertise of the group	2022	Millie/all	On hold

4.	Invite relevant speakers top committee meetings	ongoing	Sarah	
5.	Facilitate engagement/education on issues such as clopyralid	ongoing	Sarah	

