

# Waste Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September

12pm-3pm

Online

**Chair:** Darren Patterson

**Members:** Sue Coutts  
Gael Ogilvie  
Denise Roche  
David Howie  
Jacqui Forbes  
Don Chittock  
Denise Roche

**Apologies:** Teina Boasa-Dean, Jacqui Forbes

**Ministry Staff:** Renee Gordon, Policy Analyst (Waste Advisory Board Secretariat)

## Agenda:

Item	Time	Lead
Meeting starts	12pm	
Karakia <a href="https://sharepoint.com">Karakia (sharepoint.com)</a>	12-12.05pm	Renee
Welcome from Darren (minutes and conflict of interest)	12.05-12.10	Darren
Information sharing – opportunity for Board members to share any relevant updates that may be of interest to the Board	12.10-12.20	Darren
Request for advice on amending the implementation date in the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Regulations 2022 in relation to requirements for produce labels	12.20-2.55	Darren
Karakia	2.55	Renee
Meeting closes	3pm	

## Information sharing

Don Waste Minz circular guide for disposal for soil is out

Darren – Waste MINZ Board elections on now

Gael – Conference discussion about environment/nature or climate not really reference for circular economy.

Sue – Penrose mill closure any thoughts on this? David – old mill, electricity cost. OJ sister mill in Malaysia. Unlikely major manufacturing facilities in New Zealand.

Emissions profile exporting manufacturing to another country looks better.

### **Request for advice on amending the implementation date in the Waste Minimisation (Plastic and Related Products) Regulations 2022 in relation to requirements for produce labels**

#### **Extending the transition period**

Initial view shouldn't have excess stock – the deadline has been in place for 4 years.

Reached out to some people Christchurch living earth – on a commercial scale not an issue. Didn't hear back from other 2 indicates that it not a pressing issue. Makes sense to align timing with international market.

Confirm that level of contamination is a non- issue – on the scale of issues not at top of the agenda. Offshore manufacturers that are struggling with compostable labels. Minimal downsides to extending. Risk that overseas importers NZ local too far away too much of a hassle. Risks outweigh the downsides.

Could it be separated for the domestic market? Label is the main thing and already compostable here. Why not continue for anything that is prepared here for the New Zealand market – already on this path why not continue and be ready for international markets and they can catch up. Risk walking backwards.

Is there a risk within those trade agreements that won't allow NZ to be first? Maybe include a clause in our response? Why should we have domestic importers having to run 2 lines. Can NZ not be first? The wording of the last few sentences suggests that it would extend both domestic and international markets. It needs a caveat that we recommend this unless there is a trade agreement that says otherwise.

Export import ones are the only ones that should be extended -