



Have Your Say on Options to Reduce Emissions from Organic Waste

Feedback Questions

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1. Supporting businesses to reduce and recover food waste	
1. General questions on business food waste reduction and recovery	<p>a. What existing initiatives are you or your sector working on to reduce food loss and waste, and to keep organic materials out of landfill?</p> <p>b. Are you measuring and reporting food loss and waste? Yes No (If no, what support would you need to measure and report food loss and waste?)</p> <p>c. What challenges or needs do you have in further reducing food waste and keeping organic materials out of landfill?</p> <p>d. Please outline any other suggestions (aside from the options outlined below) that could help your business and/or sector reduce food waste and divert it from landfill.</p>
1.1 Create a national action plan to reduce food waste	<p>a. Do you support the option to create a national action plan to reduce food waste? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
1.2 Establish a government–industry working group on food waste	<p>a. Do you support the option to establish a government–industry working group on food waste? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
1.3 Compile research on barriers to food waste reduction and educate businesses on how to address them	<p>a. Do you support the option to compile research on barriers to food waste reduction and educate businesses on how to address them? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
1.4 Share voluntary templates for planning food waste reduction and diversion	<p>a. Do you support the option to share voluntary templates for planning food waste reduction and diversion? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>

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<p>1.5 Produce a nationally consistent, voluntary food waste reporting framework for businesses</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to produce a nationally consistent, voluntary food waste reporting framework for businesses? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>1.6 Provide updated guidance to businesses on managing unavoidable organic waste</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to provide updated guidance to businesses on managing unavoidable organic waste? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>1.7 Which of these options should be prioritised?</p>	<p>Which options would have the most impact and should be prioritised for implementation? Please rank from 1 (highest priority) to 6.</p> <p>1.1 Create a national action plan to reduce food waste</p> <p>1.2 Establish a government–industry working group on food waste</p> <p>1.3 Compile research on barriers to food waste reduction and educate businesses on how to address them</p> <p>1.4 Share voluntary templates for planning food waste reduction and diversion</p> <p>1.5 Produce a nationally consistent, voluntary food waste reporting framework for businesses</p> <p>1.6 Provide updated guidance to businesses on managing unavoidable organic waste.</p>
<p>1.8 Examples or evidence</p>	<p>Please provide any additional examples or evidence related to reducing or diverting food waste in your business/sector that you would like to share.</p>
<p>2. Supporting councils to implement or enhance kerbside organic services</p>	
<p>2. General questions on council kerbside organic services</p>	<p>a. Does your council currently offer a kerbside organic collection?</p> <p>b. If your council does not currently offer a kerbside organic collection (food scraps or FOGO), what support would help your council to introduce a collection?</p> <p>c. What barriers have you encountered relating to kerbside organic collections, including potential funding barriers?</p> <p>d. Please outline any other suggestions (aside from the options outlined below) that could help support kerbside organic services.</p>
<p>2.1 Develop standardised modelling tools for territorial authorities to scope and contract kerbside collections</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to develop standardised modelling tools for territorial authorities to scope and contract kerbside collections? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option, including any concerns or previous challenges in using standardised modelling tools.</p>
<p>2.2 Share resources with territorial authorities to support them in optimising household use of kerbside organic collections</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to share resources with territorial authorities to support optimising household use of kerbside organic collections? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>2.3 Fund trials for increasing uptake of kerbside organic collections and share findings nationally</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to fund trials for increasing uptake of kerbside organic collections and share findings nationally? Yes No Maybe/unsure</p>

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	<p>b. What are some priority research areas for increasing resident uptake of kerbside organic collections that your council could benefit from?</p> <p>c. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>2.4 Showcase organic waste reduction and diversion as a climate change mitigation tool</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to showcase organic waste reduction and diversion as a climate change mitigation tool to the public?</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>2.5 Which of these options should be prioritised?</p>	<p>Which options would have the most impact and should be prioritised for implementation? Please rank from 1 (highest priority) to 4.</p> <p>2.1 Develop standardised modelling tools for territorial authorities to scope and contract kerbside collections</p> <p>2.2 Share resources with territorial authorities to support them in optimising household use of kerbside organic services</p> <p>2.3 Fund trials for increasing uptake of kerbside organic collections and share findings nationally</p> <p>2.4 Showcase organic waste reduction and diversion as a climate change mitigation tool to the public.</p>
<p>2.6 Examples or evidence</p>	<p>Please provide any additional examples or evidence related to council kerbside organic collections that you would like to share.</p>
<p>3. Enabling organic processing solutions, including biogas</p>	
<p>3. General questions on organic processing solutions</p>	<p>a. What factors do you think are most important when selecting an organic waste processing solution?</p> <p>b. What data or information do you think would be most useful to support decision-making on organic processing solutions?</p> <p>c. Could improved data from anaerobic digestion and composting facilities (ie, from a voluntary reporting scheme) help inform decision-making on organic waste processing solutions? If so, how?</p> <p>d. Please outline any other suggestions (aside from the options outlined below) that could help enable organic processing solutions, including biogas.</p>
<p>3.1 Map local infrastructure gaps and opportunities for diverting organics</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to map local infrastructure gaps and opportunities for diverting organics?</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>3.2 Provide information on biogas through a waste lens, including updated waste-to-energy guidance</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to provide more information on biogas through a waste lens, including updated waste-to-energy guidance?</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>3.3 Examples or evidence</p>	<p>Please provide any additional examples or evidence related to organic processing solutions that you would like to share.</p>
<p>4. Broadening waste sector participation in the New Zealand Emissions Trading Scheme</p>	
<p>4.1 Decision-making criteria on waste sector coverage for the ETS</p>	<p>a. Are the principles identified (in table 2) appropriate for guiding decision-making on waste sector coverage for the ETS?</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Please identify any relevant principles you consider are missing.</p>

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<p>4.2 Waste sector participation in the ETS</p>	<p>a. Are the current rules for participation in the ETS sufficient to cover all meaningful emissions sources in the waste sector? Please outline the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Should all classes of disposal facility that accept putrescible and biodegradable waste be subject to ETS obligations for the emissions they produce? Please outline the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>c. Should resource recovery facilities that handle organic materials be subject to ETS obligations for the emissions they produce? Please outline the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>d. Should ETS obligations cover any other facility or infrastructure types in the waste and resource recovery sector that produce emissions? Please outline the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>(If yes, please list any other facility or infrastructure types that should be covered by ETS obligations).</p>
<p>4.3 General questions</p>	<p>a. Do you believe any other changes (beyond those included in this sector feedback document or the 2026 ETS regulatory review consultation) could be made to the ETS regulations for the waste sector to maximise emissions abatement opportunity and incentives?</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>(If yes, what other changes could be made to the ETS regulations for the waste sector?)</p> <p>b. Please share any research, reports, data sets or other evidence relevant to emissions impacts, abatement opportunities or other topics that you believe should be considered when designing any changes to ETS coverage for the waste sector.</p>
<p>5. Considering landfill gas management in the new planning system</p>	
<p>5.1 Review the criteria for when regulations under the current National Environmental Standards for Air Quality would apply</p>	<p>a. Are changes needed to criteria 1 and 2 on the size and capacity of landfills?</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>(If yes, should size and/or capacity be increased or decreased?)</p> <p>b. Are changes needed to criterion 3 on requirements for landfills to manage landfill gas if they are currently open? Please explain the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>c. Are changes needed to criterion 4 on the maximum amount of putrescible or biodegradable material that is allowed in a landfill before regulations apply? Please explain the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure.</p> <p>(If yes, should the threshold be increased or decreased?)</p> <p>d. Are changes needed to criterion 5 on the requirement for surface emissions to not exceed 5,000 parts per million? Please explain the reasons for your answer.</p>

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	<p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>e. Would you support making Class 2 landfills subject to landfill gas capture requirements? Please explain the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>f. What would the operational impacts be for you, your business or your council if any of the above criteria were amended? Please specify which amendments would have these impacts.</p> <p>g. Have you undertaken any monitoring or studies that could help to fill information gaps on the impacts of the criteria for when regulations under the NES-AQ apply? If so, please attach them to your submission.</p> <p>h. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p>
<p>5.2 Introduce a regulated efficiency standard of 60 percent for landfill gas capture systems</p>	<p>a. Do you support the option to introduce a minimum efficiency standard for landfill gas capture systems required by regulation? Please explain the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>b. Is 60 percent a reasonable minimum efficiency standard for landfill gas capture systems, or should this be higher or lower? Please explain the reasons for your answer.</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>c. If you are a landfill operator, what sort of lead-in time would you need to be able to comply with a minimum efficiency standard of 60 percent?</p> <p>d. What would the operational impacts be for you, your business or your council if a minimum efficiency standard was required?</p> <p>e. What are the barriers or challenges you might face in achieving a 60 percent minimum efficiency standard?</p> <p>f. Please share any further thoughts or ideas on this option.</p> <p>g. Please provide any additional examples or evidence related to this option that you would like to share.</p>
<p>5.3 Understanding compliance approaches and information requirements for regional councils and central government</p>	<p>a. If you are involved in consenting, particularly of landfills, what are the main challenges in the current process? And what areas of the process are working well?</p> <p>b. If you are involved in consenting, particularly of landfills, do you currently have access to enough information to monitor consents for compliance?</p> <p>Yes No Maybe/unsure</p> <p>(If no, what are the barriers to getting this information?)</p> <p>c. What support could central government provide to improve compliance monitoring and enforcement practices in relation to landfills and landfill gas capture?</p>