

FOGO Reference Group Meeting 11, 7 April 2022

MEETING OUTCOMES STATEMENT – MEETING 11 7 APRIL 2022

The eleventh meeting of the FOGO Reference Group was held on 7 April 2022.

FOGO Rollout Plan 2020-22

The Group was provided with updates against the commitments in the FOGO Rollout Plan 2021-22.

FOGO Market Development Strategy

The Group discussed two priority market development projects: Target market case studies and better practice contracting.

Target Market Case Studies – Case studies will be produced on the use of FOGO derived products in priority markets based in part on the *Market development strategy for FOGO derived products*. The group discussed the target audience for the case studies, including parks and gardens (primarily local government), landscaping sector and the transport infrastructure sector. The Australian Organics Recycling Association representative emphasised that case studies should highlight the benefits of using recycled organics.

Better practice contracting – The group discussed better practice contracting to support contracting between local government and service providers. The Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) indicated that it was developing a Better Practice Guideline for Waste Management Procurement and indicated that FOGO contracting could be delivered as part of this work. WALGA will need to consider industry feedback as well as governance issues including legislative requirements.

Local Government Services

The Group received an update on the FOGO status of local governments in Perth and Peel, and noted that the due date for the due date for Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO applications has been extended to 31 May 2022.

Processing

The Group noted that the DWER *Guideline: Better Practice Organics Recycling*, was in the final publication approval stage. DWER provided an update on tools and resources to support composters to implement requirements set out in the Guideline.

Data Projections

Under project 5.1 in the FOGO Rollout Plan 2021-22, the Department generates data on FOGO generation rates and processing capacity. Members identified opportunities to improve the data by providing a more accurate assessment of FOGO processing capacity expected to be provided for Perth and Peel. The Department has committed to updating the data based on input from members.

Let's Go FOGO - FOGO Information Session

The Group reflected on the *Let's Go FOGO* online information sessions delivered on 3 and 17 March 2022. Members agreed that the sessions were an effective way to communicate and engage with key stakeholders from local government and industry. Members supported further sessions and suggested allocating more time to presenters.

FOGO Rollout Plan 2022-23

A draft FOGO Rollout Plan 2022-23 was presented to members for comment. The draft plan:

- builds on the FOGO Rollout Plan 2021-22 and its themes (Markets; Engagement and Education Local Government Services; Processing; Foundation Actions);
- includes market development actions informed by the Market Development Strategy for FOGO Derived Products (GHD: 2021);
- includes initiatives being delivered in partnership with the Commonwealth Department of Agriculture, Water and the Environment (several joint initiatives are subject to approval).

FOGO Reference Group membership

The Group discussed FOGO Reference Group membership and noted the potential interest of some local governments in joining the group. WALGA confirmed that it would run an expression of interest process to nominate new members (as per the FOGO Reference Group Terms of Reference). Members noted that new members would ideally represent a broad range of issues and interests across the local government sector.
