

## **FOGO REFERENCE GROUP MEETING OUTCOMES STATEMENT: MEETING 7, 2 FEBRUARY 2021**

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The seventh meeting of the FOGO Reference Group was held on 2 February 2021.

### Presentation – Australian Organics Recycling Association (AORA)

Mr Peter Olah, National Executive Officer, AORA delivered a presentation to the Group on the findings of an industry study entitled 'The Productive Capacity of the Australian Organics Recycling Industry'. The study is one of several strategic projects being progressed to provide a framework for the future of Australia's organics recycling industry.

### FOGO Rollout Plan

The Group received a progress update on actions in the FOGO Rollout Plan 2020-21.

### Market Development Strategy

The Group discussed a Market Development Strategy for FOGO Derived Products being developed by GHD Pty Ltd. The project is a key commitment in the FOGO Rollout Plan 2020-21 to support markets for FOGO materials to support WA's transition towards a more circular economy. GHD provided a project update to the Group and asked members for feedback on the FOGO stakeholders that will be invited to provide input into the Strategy.

### FOGO Rollout Plan 2021-22

The Group discussed priorities and potential actions for inclusion in the FOGO Rollout Plan for 2021-22. The Group was encouraged to provide further input prior to submitting to the Waste Authority.

### Better Bins Plus: Go FOGO program

The Group was advised that funding agreements with nine local governments in the Perth/Peel region have been executed by the Chairman of the Waste Authority. These include:

- the cities of Bayswater, Belmont, Fremantle, Kalamunda, Melville and Vincent
- the shire Serpentine-Jarrahdale
- the towns of Bassendean and East Fremantle

### Step by Step Guide

The Group discussed the development of a Step by Step guide to support planning, implementation and monitoring of better practice FOGO Services. The Group identified the Guide as a key resource to support local governments and others with the FOGO rollout and recognised the need to develop the Guide as soon as possible. The Group also discussed the importance of industry input into the Guide.

### Composting Facilities

DWER Licensing provided an update on the *Better practice composting guidelines* and the *Better practice guidelines for solid waste treatment and storage facilities*.

DWER also provided the Group with an updated register of FOGO licensed facilities to inform discussions about processing.

### National Update

The Group discussed 'Stop Food Waste Australia' which was launched by the Commonwealth Minister for the Environment on 26 December 2020. Stop Food Waste Australia will deliver a range of food waste activities to support the National Waste Policy Action Plan 2019 and the National Food Waste Strategy.