

# Funding Forum

Love Food Hate Waste

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## Agenda

- Introduction
- Ice breaker
- Your Business is Food pilot
- How to apply
- Q&A session

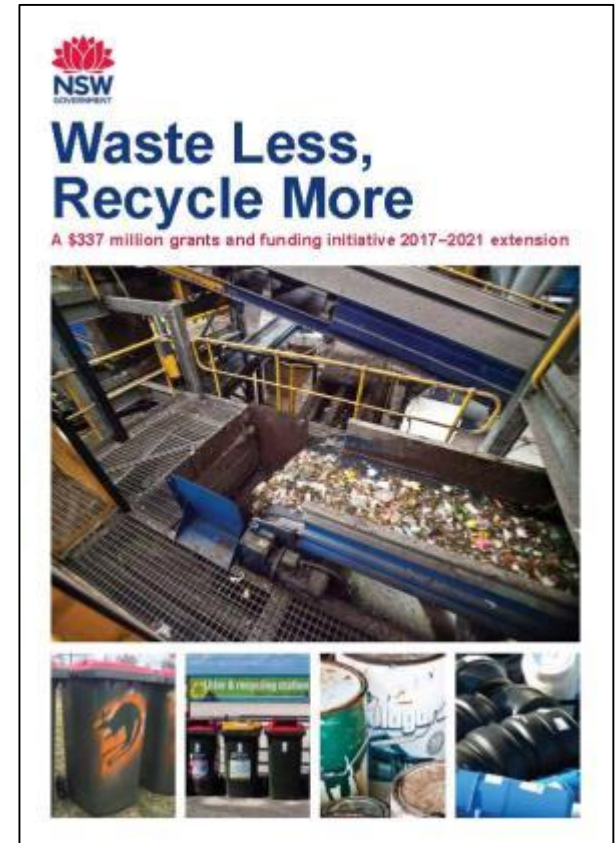
## Purpose of today's event

- Present our two new education programs for households and business
- Introduce the new Love Food Hate Waste grant program
- Explain how to apply
- Inspire you to apply
- Hear from interesting guest speakers



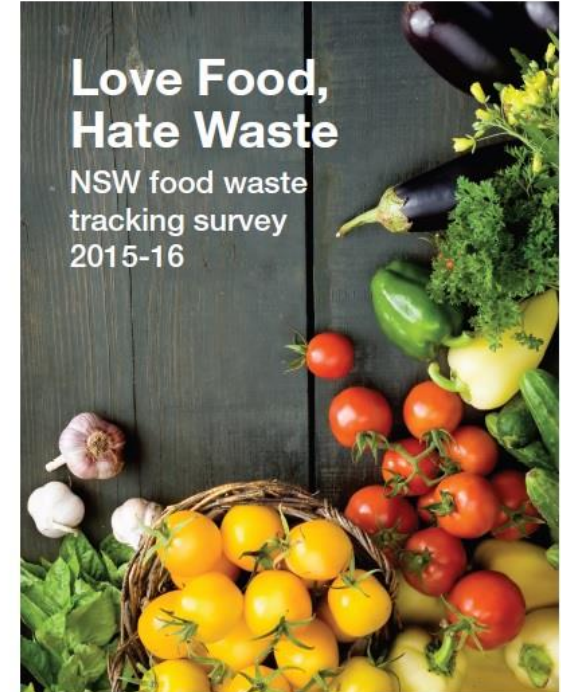
## Waste Less Recycle More

- Largest program in Australian history
- \$802 million over nine years
- \$105.5 million for organics
- Achievements so far:
  - awarded \$338.7 million
  - funded 1,038 projects
  - diverted 2.25 million tonnes
- Additional \$337 million to 2021



## Why avoid food waste?

- 1 million tonnes of food of food goes to landfill each year
- 100,000 people go hungry each month
- Generates emissions in landfill, wastes the resources it took to make it
- Everybody hates it
- Costs \$\$ - \$3866 a year, 23% of food business waste



## \$5 million over four years

- \$1.6 million grants program:
  - Household, using Food Smart
  - Business, using Your Business is Food
  - Love Food Communities
- Community engagement and promotion
- Partnership program revamp, including ‘super partners’
- Knowledge building



**STEP 1**

### KNOW YOUR WASTE



A food waste review helps:

- You to understand your food waste
- Us to monitor NSW food waste levels
- You to reduce your food waste

#### SMART FACTS

- 1** The average NSW household wastes nearly \$4000 a year.
- 2** We throw away 800,000 tonnes of food to landfill every year.
- 3** The NSW EPA's Food Smart Program helps you save money and reduce food waste.
- 4** Most people underestimate how much food waste they generate.

Visit [lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au](http://lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au) to find out more on the food waste review and the facts.



#### SMART ACTIONS

✓ Collect your food waste in a container or the bag provided. Record the waste as per the table below.

Fridge clean out (How full? ¼, ½, ¾, full) \_\_\_\_\_

Food waste collection	Day 1	Day 2
Number of people for meals	Breakly	
	Lunch	
	Dinner	
How full is your food waste (¼, ½, ¾, full)		

✓ Follow The Food Smart Program for two weeks. Repeat the food waste review to see how much food waste you have reduced.

**Great start!**  
Now you know your waste, start saving money by beginning the food smart journey at Step 2.






## Business program is new

- Evaluated grants, programs, comms audit and review
- Tracking survey – out of home data:
  - 77% of people would like to be offered entrée size portions
  - Leaving food made young people feel more guilty (30%)
  - 67% of people like it if a restaurant offers doggy bags
- Both programs highly effective:
  - Food Smart 91% people said it helped
  - Business saved average of 21%



# The revamped grant program

- EPA administered
- Using off-the-shelf tested programs
- No cash co-contribution required
- More collaborative, simpler reporting
- Includes Love Food Communities:
  - up to \$250,000 for two years, whole-of-city approach
  - Opening for EOIs next March
  - \$30,000 for successful EOIs to develop detailed project plan





## Food waste behaviours

- It's complex
- Not quick, easy and simple to not waste food
- Lifestyle, Menulog, working hours
- Partnered with BehaviourWorks
- Food businesses are busy, but we know once they start:
  - Driven to do more actions
  - Increase in staff morale
  - See efficiency benefits



**STEP 3 SHOP WITH A LIST**

**The FOOD Smart Program**

Write a shopping list to help you:

- Reduce your food bills
- Save your time at the shops
- Avoid doubling up on ingredients

**SMART IDEAS**

- 1 Check what you have to avoid doubling up.
- 2 Shop for local seasonal produce which will last longer and is cheaper.
- 3 Check 'Use By' and 'Best Before' dates when you shop.
- 4 Only buy special deals if they fit into your meal plan or can be stored for later.

**SMART ACTIONS**

- ✓ Write your shopping list on the magnetic meal planner.
- ✓ Group items on your shopping list to save time.
- ✓ Use the shopping list tool on our app for easy shopping trips: [www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au/shopping](http://www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au/shopping)
- ✓ Take a photo of your shopping list on the magnetic meal planner.
- ✓ Shop less but frequently when possible so you can enjoy fresh produce weekly.

Welcome to stress-free shopping!  
Now you are organised, it's time to tackle Step 4.

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