

# Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy

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Vision of the draft strategy  
A vibrant, functioning market for organic waste and resource recovery will ensure that the environmental, public health and amenity impacts of organic waste are eliminated.

**To achieve this vision Sustainability Victoria, on behalf of the Victorian Government, has identified four goals:**

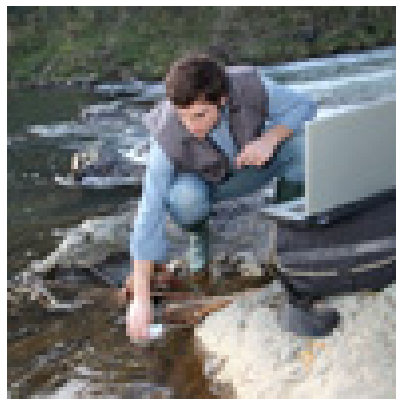
1. Protection of the environment, public health and amenity
2. Risk based and proportionate approach
3. Strong markets
4. Innovative solutions

**To achieve these goals, seven strategic directions have been identified:**

1. Best practice environmental management
2. Sustainable markets
3. Leverage existing assets
4. Identify future needs
5. Education to facilitate change
6. Building collective knowledge
7. Streamlined governance and strong leadership

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• **Sustainable markets**

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A significant barrier to the growth of organic waste and resource recovery has been the absence of strong and sustainable end markets for recycled organic products.

- [Leverage existing assets](#)

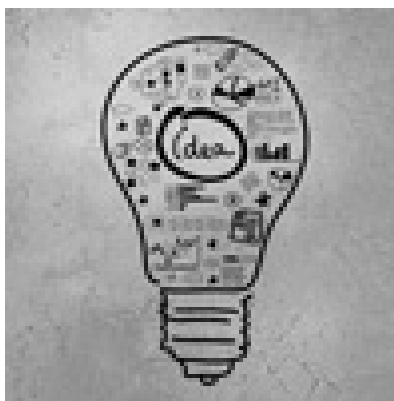
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The siting of existing facilities, close to feedstock supplies, has enabled the growth of the organic processing industry, particularly in the metropolitan region, however urban encroachment and an increase in the use of odorous feedstocks has increased the amenity risks associated with the management of organic waste.

- [Identify future needs](#)

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The market conditions for organic waste management have remained relatively stable since the market was established. While there are some advanced processing options in place these are the exception rather than the rule. A single end market for recycled organic material and complex regulatory framework has, in some cases, stymied the development of alternative uses and markets for recycled organic waste.

- [Education to facilitate change](#)

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Waste education is currently being delivered by state and local government, WRRGs, the waste and resource recovery industry, schools and community organisations. Almost all organisations in the waste management and resource recovery sector have been providing education of some sort to households, businesses and the general community.

- [Building collective knowledge](#)

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Organics management is a suite of complex interactions that occur along the supply chain for recovered organics. It is often a disconnected process of multiple players with different priorities.

- [Streamlined governance and strong leadership](#)

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The regulatory framework for the governance of organic wastes is complex. It spans across generation, transport, treatment, product manufacture and end uses. It extends across all levels of government;

commonwealth, state and local. Within the Victorian Government it crosses multiple portfolios with varying levels of influence including environment, planning, transport, energy, agriculture and business.

## **Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy: project engagement timeline**

- **Stage 1: April 2014**

Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy has finished this stage

**Stakeholder engagement workshops**

Workshops were held across Victoria to gain crucial insight and feedback to develop the strategy.

- **Under preparation: May – September 2014**

Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy has finished this stage

The draft strategy was being prepared.

- **Stage 2: 29 September – 31 October 2014**

Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy has finished this stage

**Online consultation on the draft Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy**

Online consultation is being conducted to further ensure that the final strategy reflects stakeholder discussions.

- **Caretaker: 4 November – 29 November 2014**

Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy has finished this stage

As the Victorian State election will be held on Saturday 29 November 2014, the Victorian Government has assumed a caretaker role from 6pm, 4 November. During the caretaker period, content will only be added to this website in accordance with the caretaker conventions.

- **Under preparation: November 2014 – mid 2015**

Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy is currently at this stage

The final strategy is being prepared.

- **Stage 3: Mid 2015**

this is an upcoming stage for Victorian Organic Resource Recovery Strategy

**Final strategy released**

The strategy becomes operational and will identify the barriers and opportunities for the better management of organic waste. It will also identify the actions government will undertake to support councils, business, the waste management industry and communities better manage this material.

## **what to do on this page**

Step 1. Have a read about the strategy's goals and strategic directions

Step 2. Choose a strategic direction you're interested in

Step 3. Join the conversation.

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