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WASTE**
AUSTRALIA



AUSTRALIA'S FOOD LOSS & WASTE POLICY LANDSCAPE
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FOOD WASTE SOLUTIONS PADDOCK TO PLATE.



WORLD-LEADING RESEARCH THROUGH THE **END FOOD WASTE COOPERATIVE RESEARCH CENTRE.**

Co-funded industry research and innovation uncovering new food waste solutions.

BOLD INDUSTRY ACTION AND COLLABORATION THROUGH THE **AUSTRALIAN FOOD PACT AND SECTOR ACTION PLANS.**

Collaboration, tools and on-the-ground support driving impactful food waste initiatives with industry.

IMPROVING OUR FOOD SYSTEM THROUGH **POLICY AND PARTNERSHIPS.**

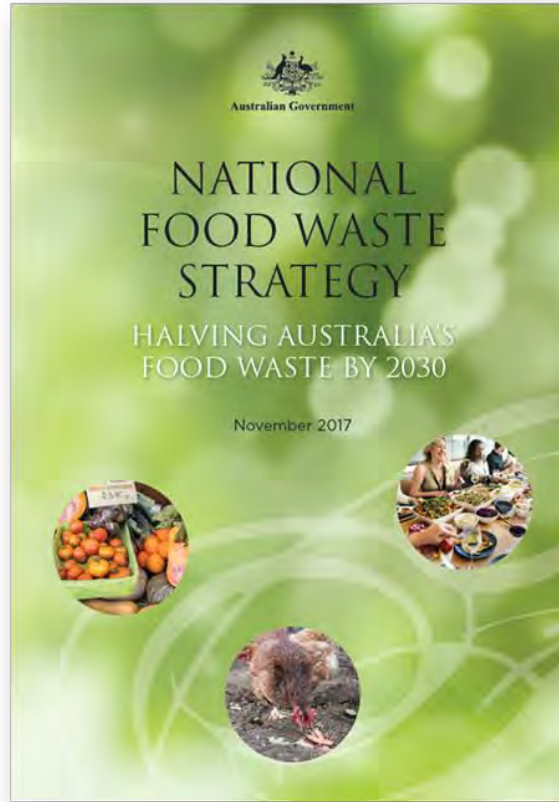
Fostering a network of food waste champions and advocating for systemic change.

SAVING FOOD IN HOMES THROUGH A **NATION-WIDE CONSUMER BEHAVIOUR CHANGE CAMPAIGN.**

Changing public mindset and providing Australians with tools to reduce food waste at home.



AUSTRALIA HAS COMMITTED TO HALVE ALL FOOD LOSS AND WASTE BY 2030



2017

Priority	Outcome	Focus
Policy support	Policies are supportive of food waste avoidance, reduction and repurposing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishing a National Food Waste Baseline and methodology to measure progress against our goal Identifying areas to target investment Establishing a voluntary commitment to reduce food waste Enabling legislation to better support food waste reduction and repurposing
Business Improvements	Improvement and adoption of technologies, processes and actions to avoid and reduce food waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying areas for improvement Supporting technology adoption Encouraging collaboration Normalising food waste considerations into business practices
Market development	Development of markets to support the repurposing of food waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identifying food waste composition and nutritional value to develop new markets Encourage innovation Connecting food waste sources to users
Behaviour change	Practices and attitudes towards avoiding and reducing food waste are adopted and sustained	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Changing consumer behaviour Engaging the workforce on food waste

ALIGNMENT WITH AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT POLICY

Action	Lead	Partners	By
Waste Avoidance			
Avoid Food Waste			
2.1 Establish a voluntary commitment program for businesses across the supply and consumption chain to engage in food waste reduction activities, to encourage industry-led action	Food Innovation Australia Limited (FIAL)	Business sector	2020
2.2 Develop and publish a National Food Waste Implementation Plan, to halve food waste by 2030	FIAL	All governments	2020
2.3 Support the Fight Food Waste campaign, to divert foodstuffs from landfill	All governments	NGOs	2020

Knowledge sharing, education and behaviour change			
Improve consumer awareness			
2.13 Align community education efforts to reduce food waste, to maximise impact and reduce confusion	State and territory governments Local governments	Australian Government	2020

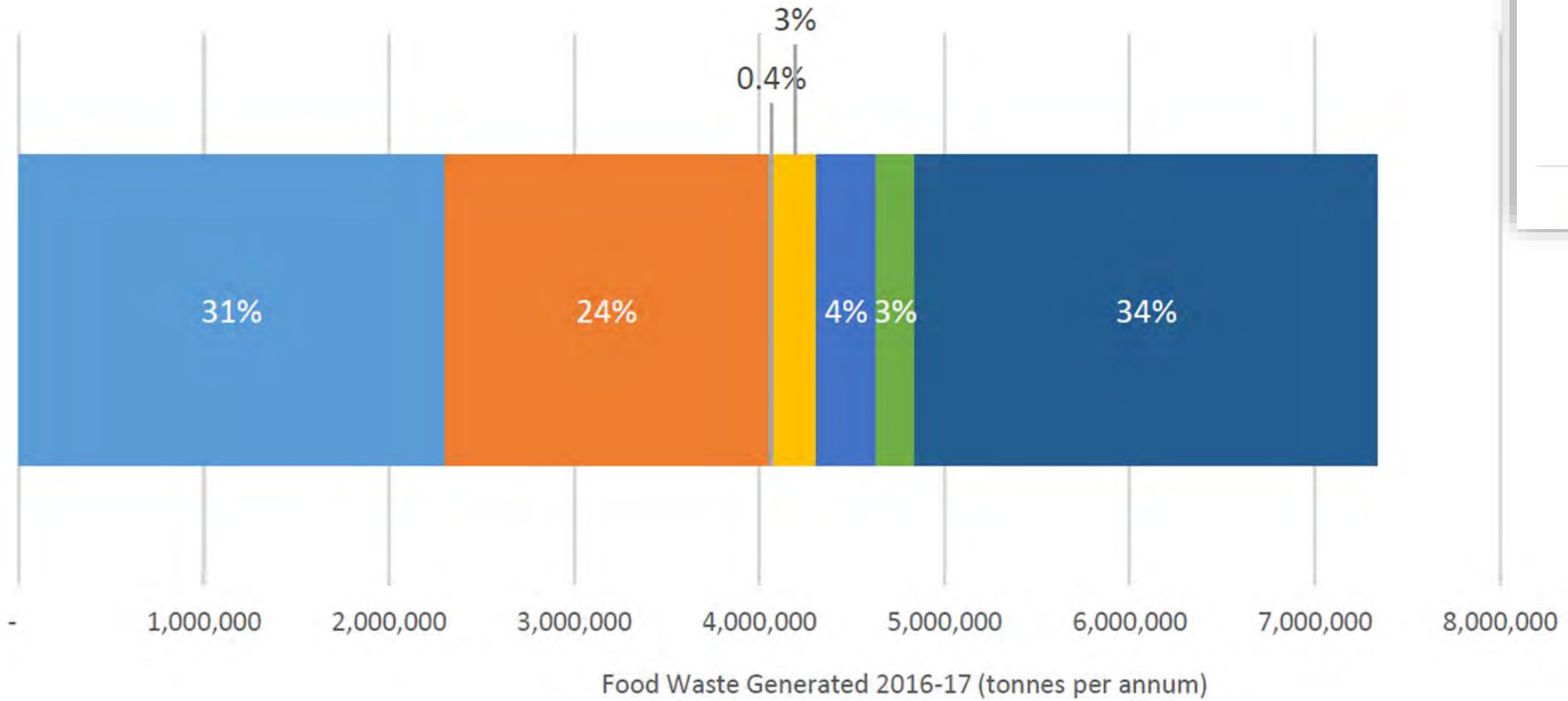
2019



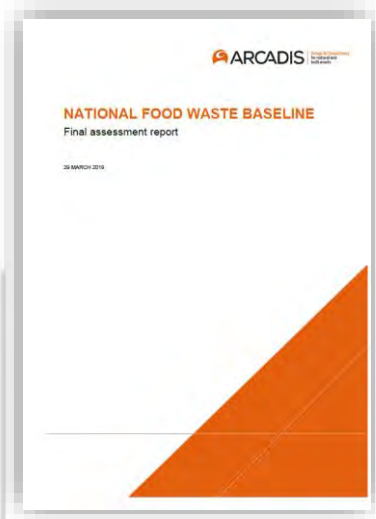
Reducing organic waste			
Improve recovery of organic waste			
6.4 Deliver Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) collection to households and businesses	State and territory governments Local governments	ALGA	2023
6.5 Support the Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre to undertake a range of research and activities to reduce food waste in the supply chain, transform unavoidable waste into co-products and influence behavioural change in businesses and households	Australian Government	Industry and Research contributors	2028



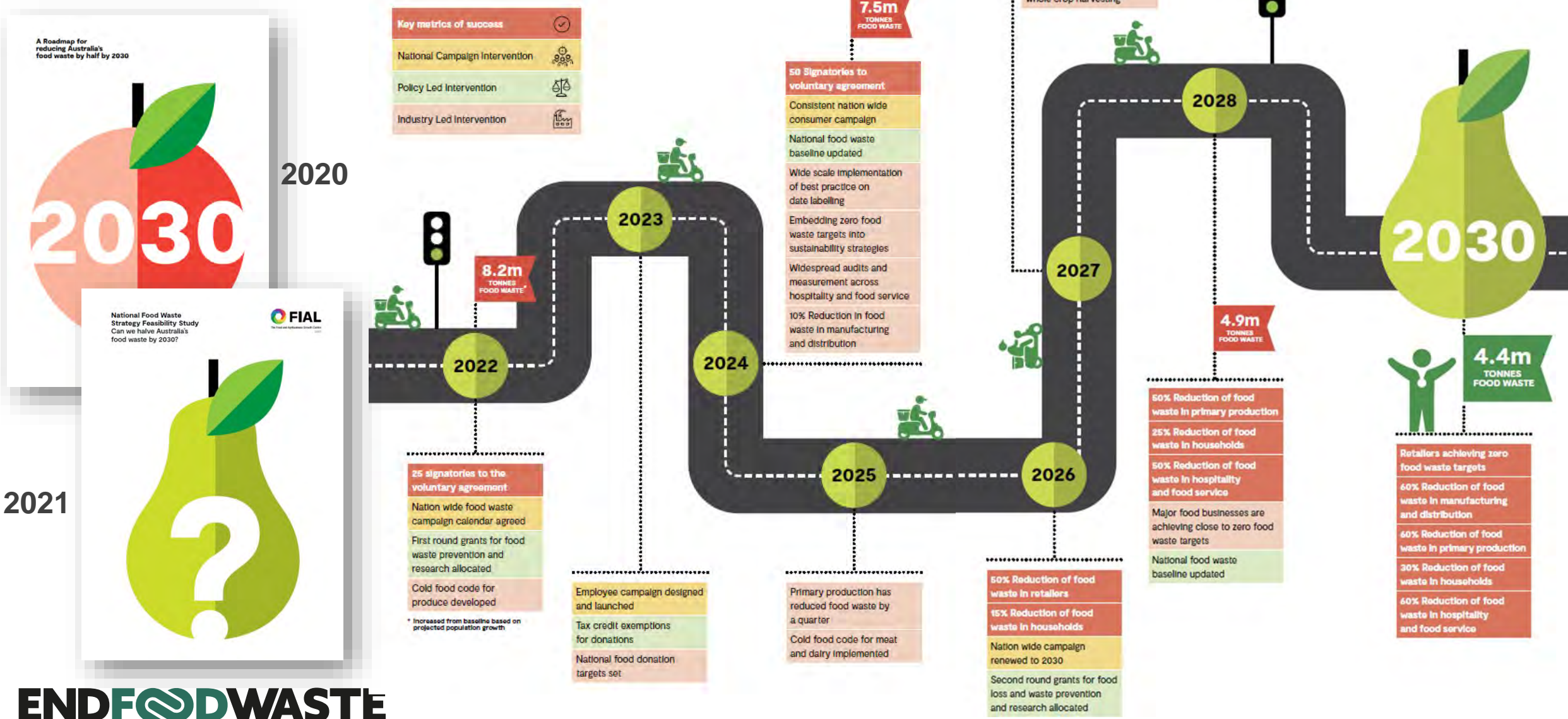
2019 NATIONAL FOOD WASTE BASELINE



■ Primary Production
 ■ Manufacturing
 ■ Wholesaling
 ■ Retail
 ■ Hospitality and Food Services
 ■ Institutions
 ■ Household



NATIONAL FOOD WASTE STRATEGY ROADMAP & FEASIBILITY STUDY



2021 FOOD LOSS AND WASTE IN AUSTRALIA - 7.6 MILLION TONNES



\$36.6 billion 

COST OF WASTE TO THE AUSTRALIAN ECONOMY

25m+ hectares 

WASTED TO GROW AND MANUFACTURE FOOD

2628.3 gicalitres equivalent 

17.5m tonnes 

OF CO₂ GENERATED FROM THE PRODUCTION AND DISPOSAL OF FOOD THAT IS WASTED IN AUSTRALIA (EXCLUDING EXPORTS)



NATIONAL FOOD WASTE SUMMITS



**2nd Summit in BRISBANE
2022**



**3rd Summit in MELBOURNE
2024**

A CASE FOR TAX REFORM TO INCREASE FOOD DONATION BY BUSINESS



2020



2023

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Tax Laws Amendment (Incentivising Food Donations to Charitable Organisations) Bill 2024

Type	Private
Sponsor(s)	SMITH, Sen Dean
Originating house	Senate
Status	Before Senate
Parliament no	47

Track
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Summary

Amends the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997* and *Income Tax (Transitional Provisions) Act 1997* to provide a tax offset for companies for certain expenditure incurred in undertaking food donations activities for registered food charities.

Key elements of the framework:

- The proposed NFDTI combines examples of successful global food donation tax policies with Australia's current tax system.
- It aims to incentivise businesses to donate edible food or related services to food relief organisations – in return, they'll receive a tax rebate or offset.



2022 FOOD WASTE POLICY WORKSHOP

The five priority policy areas identified were:

1. Consumer **behaviour change** campaign.
2. Food waste to **animal feed** regulations and legislation.
3. **Unfair trading practices & whole crop purchase** agreements.
4. **Mandatory food waste reduction targets**.
5. **Measurement** of food waste and loss.



AUSTRALIAN FOOD STORY: FEEDING THE NATION AND BEYOND

Recommendations:

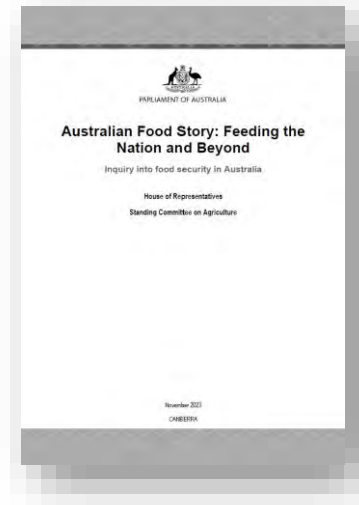
18. The Committee recommends that the Australian Government incorporate measures to **eliminate food waste** into the proposed National Food Plan, including:

- A national **public education campaign** aimed at the elimination of household food waste.
- **Repurposing food waste**—for example as animal feed or processed food.
- **Supporting food donation.**
- Establishing regional **food hubs.**
- Better management of the **cold chain.**
- Improving **data sharing** across the food supply chain.
- Increasing federal funding for the food relief sector.
- Creating a circular economy.

19. The Committee recommends ... a **Food Waste Tax Incentive**

21. The Committee recommends ... review the application of **‘best before’** and **‘use by’** dates on food

22. The Committee recommends ... a **circular food economy** program.



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