

# Why focus on food waste?

**31** 31% of carrots that don't leave the farm equate to a cost of \$60 million

**77** The average NSW household throws away \$77 worth of edible food every week

**30** Food businesses in NSW throw away around 30% of their food

**650** Over 650,000 Australians seek food relief each month

## What is food waste?

Food that does not reach the consumer, or reaches the consumer but is thrown away. This includes edible food, the parts of food that can be consumed but are disposed of, and inedible food, the parts of food that are not consumed because they are either unable to be consumed or are considered undesirable (such as seeds, bones, coffee grounds, skins or peels)

## Food waste projects currently operating on the Central Coast

	Love Food, Hate Waste	Plate to Paddock EPA Bin Trim	CRC Fight Food Waste	Farmers Network
Focus	Increase the amount of surplus food donated to food relief organisations	Improve source separation, recycling and food waste diversion for businesses	Reduce food waste at source of production	Increase the amount of pre-consumer food waste diverted to animal feed
What	Region wide strategy to reduce amount of food in landfill and increase amount recovered and donated	Free waste assessments and assistance to help businesses implement improvements in source separation	Develop higher value products from retrieved or converted food waste	Self sustaining network of farmers who accept "pre-consumer" food waste
How	Map the current landscape for food waste and recovery Create partnerships between business and relief organisations	Tailored action plans for business Support to access Government rebates	Reviewing production processes for improvements and new product opportunities Industry engagement	Identify sources of suitable pre-consumer food waste Linking processors to funding opportunities
When	Development over 2 years	Limited to first 400 businesses	10 year program commenced July 2018	Ongoing
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Divert food waste from landfill