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Recovery of diversion of organic waste materials is gaining significant momentum across the country. The organics recycling sector and composting industry has grown to meet the challenge – with organics recycling increasing from 5.15 million tonnes in 2006/07 to 8.35 million tonnes in 2020/21<sup>1</sup>. Yet up to 50% by weight over the average red bin disposed to landfill is still food and garden organics. And many other organic waste streams, that contain valuable organic matter and nutrients are still lost to landfill.

In NSW, the Resource Recovery and Exemption framework was implemented in 2014 to help set out the regulatory requirements on the lawful use of waste materials in the environment, whether applied to land as a fertiliser, use in construction as fill or as a fuel. Whilst a series of general orders and exemptions have been published by the NSW EPA, a barrier to improved organics recycling is the need to apply for a Specific Resource Recovery Order and Exemption (SRRO/E) in cases where boutique or non-standard waste streams are accepted for recycling.

A recent independent review of the Resource Recovery and Exemption framework found that the system needs to be simplified to support the circular economy.

**This webinar will provide an outline of the key factors for success in applying for a SRRO/E, and practical examples and lessons learnt by significant composting businesses that have successfully navigated the framework. A better appreciation of the regulatory requirements for organics recycling will help grow the sector, markets and the economic benefits of organics recycling.**

## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

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**1000 Welcome and housekeeping**

**Mr Colin Barker**, Chair, Australian Industrial Ecology Network

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**1010 Setting the scene and webinar objectives**

**Dr Mark Jackson**, Jackson Environment and Planning Pty Ltd

- How to engage with the NSW waste regulatory framework for success – challenges and opportunities
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**1020 Overview of the NSW Resource Recovery Order and Exemption Framework and changes to come**

**Mr Anthony Savage**, Manager Policy, NSW Environment Protection Authority

- Ten years of experience with regulating waste materials for beneficial use in NSW
  - General Resource Recovery Orders / Exemptions and the Specific pathway – what's the difference?
  - Guidance on applying for a Specific RRO/E
  - Changes underway from the Wilkinson Review
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**1045 Can Street Sweepings be Recycled? Processing innovation and approvals for street sweeping recycling in NSW**

**Mr Aaron Hudson**, Chief Executive Officer & **Mr James Sutton**, Environmental Manager, ReDirect Recycling Pty Ltd

- The opportunity for recycling street sweepings
  - Cleaning up street sweepings to make them suitable for recycling
  - Experience and lessons learnt with the SRRO/E framework
  - New solutions for compost-recycling of street sweepings in NSW
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**1110 Comfort Break**

**1120 Finding a solution for the safe recycling of chicken broiler mortalities**

**Mr Thomas Dewing**, Commercial Development Manager, Worm Tech Pty Ltd

- What is the problem with chicken broiler mortalities?
  - Demonstrating the suitability of composting as a biosecure method of recycling chick broiler mortalities
  - Experience and lessons learnt with the SRRO/E framework
  - New approaches available for compost-recycling of chicken broiler mortalities
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**1145 Comments, Questions and Discussion**

**1200 Webinar Close**

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