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## Waste Less Recycle More Project Review: New FOGO food waste recycling and processing by ANL

ANL currently manages in the order of 500,000t of recycled organics annually and their successful Waste Less Recycle More (WLRM) grant submission targeted an additional 50,000t of FOGO (Food Organics Garden Organics) with a \$9.7 million investment into food waste recycling and processing by ANL. With long-standing experience converting waste into resources, including the beneficial reuse of forest residues, greenwaste, urban wood waste and biosolids, ANL is now focusing on the newly emerging urban food and garden organics (FOGO) stream.

ANL's Sales and Marketing Manager, Rob Niccol explains that they ventured into the FOGO stream "because it's associated with their core product and should bring a significant amount of greenwaste that is associated with the food waste. This should ensure access to the urban organics stream for future growth in business".

WLRM has been a powerful incentive to expedite the development of new organics recycling capacity in NSW and this initiative continues the leadership shown by our state in waste management and resource recovery and important state policies have been principle drivers of urban organic waste recovery since the 1990's across NSW.

On the benefits for the end user, Rob says "the proportion of straight food, whether it is high water food or low water food, will determine the nutritional benefit on the compost... ANL's preference is to find significant tonnes of organics waste that offers high horticultural benefit, nutritional or other, to any market that require it... "

In recent years ANL primary organics market sector objective has focused upon seeking structural change in the use of recycled organic composts as a fundamental component of broadacre agricultural production systems. "While there is relatively little added benefit to the end user if the food waste percentage is low", Rob continues, "there are some specific food waste streams that are highly beneficial..."

ANL says the success of its agricultural sector engagement was highlighted by the outcomes of another WLRM extension and engagement program in which ANL was involved, with over 350 participants and over 200 farmers who took advantage of the program's compost incentive scheme, resulting in excess of 20,000t of additional compost sales.

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