

1. How can we build on the work already underway to reduce emissions and build resilience in the waste sector?
  1. Truly invest in recycling. It is my understanding that Tasmanian local governments do not recycle.
  2. The company Environex went into receivership. Why did this happen? Were they adequately supported and championed by Tasmanian government and leadership?
  3. Approach Local Government (GSBC for one) who still burn green waste-this out-dated practice must stop. Invest/contract a chipper that is able to tour the state and reduce green waste to mulch. Residents can either purchase it back, or get loads for free-was done in Bundaberg Q and a great success.
2. What future opportunities do you think will have the most impact?
  1. the long-promised and expected recycling machine depots for cans and bottles MUST occur. It is embarrassing that Tasmania is so laggard about this. For a small state that relies on tourism from interstate and overseas the delay in this scheme is unconscionable. It is very distressing to read again and again of intentions and no reality.
  2. Learn from War on Waste regarding community education and the refuse, reduce, recycle etc mantra.
  3. Environmental protection of our natural places. Retain ecology that keeps us cool, oxygenated, decreases mental anguish, and offers less places to consume and litter.
3. Are there any priorities or future opportunities missing from this draft Plan?
  1. Please refer to point 2.1
  2. Community groups such as Men's shed would do well to be involved with recycle sorting-funded for this activity and done in a constructive, enjoyable manner that brings finances, community involvement, and environmental goodness to the organisation.
  3. Mending craft groups. Look at Hobart tip shop that teaches how to recondition and repurpose objects.
  4. Fix-it organisations-bicycle fixing, and appliances that reduce landfill. Innovative leadership from Climate office could roll out grants for innovative start-ups.
  5. Supporting micro-grid communities. Bicheno village, and Coles Bay are ideal places to trial such innovation. Estates that collaborate to share power...can't we do this please?!
  6. State Government purchase of EV and turn around after a few years to increase 2nd hand EV market and purchase-a more affordable EV therefore
  7. more reliable and increased infrastructure for EV's. Currently insufficient charging stations in Hobart (one for the CBD for goodness' sake). Poor reliability in Campbell Town, too slow in Triabunna. Too busy in others (see Facebook AEVA). This is a state where tourists are hiring EV's to drive around...they need to be supported for recharging.
4. Are there other ways we can collaborate to reduce emissions and build resilience in the waste sector?
  1. my workplace is trying to renegotiate with Veolia to remove paper waste that needs shredding. They are too difficult to communicate with. As a major State contractor this company needs to be accountable, responsive and innovative regarding waste.