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the draft plan has covered many things, but there needs more detail. clearly organic waste is important, and this is focussed. i see three hurdles here: - food waste is not seen as a critical issue for tasmania and the planet - FOGO bins are not as ubiquitous as they should be. there are many units, flats, businesses which dont have one - the role that organic waste has on methane and the GHG footprint is not understood. there needs to be a major and ongoing education drive , for everyone in the community to recognise that organic matter in landfill is a major risk to our environment. education needs to roll out in schools, importantly so they take the messages back home to their families, though multiple media opportunities, including post box drops, socials, tv ads etc the plan and state of play talks about the waste hierarchy. this is difficult as people generally only consider the bottom of the inverted pyramid. work needs to happen at the top, and reduce consumption. this is difficult as this is asking society to buy less, impacting on businesses. can the government foster businesses that are more sustainably based, in order for companies to see there are financial opportunities to not have customers coming back again and again to purchase disposable products. this would be true government leadership where our communities are being encouraged to engage in our tassie lifestyle and think carefully about buying things in the first place the last gap i see is that fluorinate gases are not a focus. careful disposal of fridges and air conditioning units can be simple and very effective in reducing GHGs
)<https://drawdown.org/solutions/refrigerant-management>)

How can we build on the work already underway to reduce emissions and build resilience? :

What future opportunities will have most impact:

the community valuing the importance of maximal FOGO bin use

Priorities or future opportunities missing from draft Plan:

a/a reducing consumption addressing fluorinated gases

Any other ways we can collaborate:

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