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Hi there,

I've just been informed that Climate Tasmania did not get our submission on the Waste Sector Emissions Reductions and Resilience Sector Draft Plan in on time. Whilst it may be too late to incorporate them, in lieu of a submission, I thought I'd send through some of our thoughts after reading the Plan, in case they are useful.

Overall, the Plan sets out good steps towards reducing emissions in the waste sector – it's great to see action in this area from your wonderful team!

Actions such as extending the FOGO program seem like very logical next steps to reduce carbon emissions in the sector. Given the large amount of waste that businesses generate, it would be good to see this program extended beyond households to businesses.

In the extension of this program, it's important to ensure that it doesn't actually create more emissions – i.e., through creating more transport emissions by the running of more garbage trucks to transport this waste. Therefore, the extension of this program should be paired with the electrification of garbage collection vehicles, as in the ACT.

It would also be good to see more prioritisation on a reduction in waste to landfill in the first instance — perhaps a grant scheme for home composting tied with the awareness raising mentioned and reuse of businesses materials as in the ACT would be useful here. The levy on businesses putting their waste in landfill may also need to be higher to have a larger deterrence effect for sending waste to landfill.

Apologies for the late communication – we hope it's helpful in some form! Thanks for your hard work on this.

Cheers,
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