

# FIGHT FOOD WASTE Cooperative Research Centre

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## Fight Food Waste CRC

### An Australia without food waste

The Fight Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre will increase industry profitability, address food insecurity and enhance Australia's reputation as a sustainable food producer

#### By uniting science and industry we will



Collaboration

than the sum

of our parts

throughout the supply chain

**Deliver the Grant Agreement** 



**Deliver Future Initiatives** 

**ENGAGE** with industry and consumers to deliver behavioural change

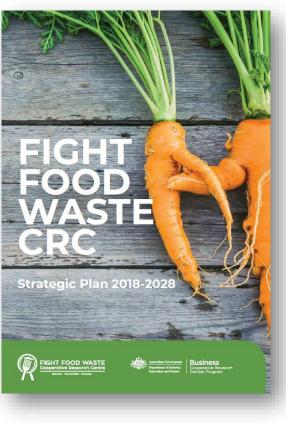
Grant Agreement targets

of reduced food waste

\$2 B Increase in industry profitability



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2018

Baseline

\$20 Bn p.a.

in Australia

7.3 M T

food waste p.a.

298kg per Australian 🚺

per year

13.5 M T of CO2-e

4 M people

food insecure

of all food



Innovation

Real impact on food

waste reduction and

commercial outcomes

from the CRC activity



**Participant Value** 

Creation

Our participants get

more than they expected

from being part of



**Our People** 

To be a workplace

our salaried and

in-kind staff

**Our Core Values** 



Excellence

To deliver the best

that we can for our

Accountability

people and our work

Business



30 M T

#### 20 M Kg of rescued food

distributed



graduated

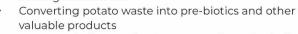


88 economy jobs



FIGHT FOOD WASTE Research portfolio based on program activities **Cooperative Research Centre** 





- Nutraceutical extraction from Australian wine industy waste
- Transformation of surplus/waste tomato and capsicum produce into value added products

#### Identify technology gaps and process limitations in waste transformation

From food waste to smart compost formulations

#### Tool kit for optimising technology and feedstock combination choice

- Fight Food Waste SME Solutions Centre
- Waste-to-energy: fuelling sustainable wastewater treatment with food waste

#### Conduct socio-economic assessment of alternative policy settings

Projects to follow

#### Develop household and business behaviour change instruments

- Understanding household food waste attitudes and . behaviours to reduce food waste
- Food waste reduction roadmap for Woolworths .
- WWW (What, Where and Why) of household food . waste behaviour



### Identify and prioritise valuable products

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Disseminate industry and

2019 Food summit sponsorship

Sustainable packaging to reduce food

Industry Connection Hub

skills training

waste

#### Investigate methods to increase food donation and measure its social impact

Map resource flows, waste and root cause

Understanding the barriers and drivers to reduce

perception of packaging and processing

Investigate product specific supply chains

On-board processing and packaging Innovation in the

· Supply chain monitoring and improvement to reduce

• Reducing canning losses in the abalone industry

store loss and food waste at Woolworths

Review functions and consumer

Save food packaging criteria and framework Consumer perceptions of the role of packaging in

• The opportunities for Australia's packaging and processing machinery sector to tackle food waste

and identify opportunities

Australian wild harvest prawn fishery

analvsis

**DIRECT** commercialisation

reducing food waste

banana quality loss

Enhancing Foodbank's stakeholder engagement Foodbank meals via YWaste app

#### Educate future industry professionals

Future Leaders Program



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# The TRANSFORM program challenge:

To transform unavoidable waste into innovative products

# Strategic Activity 1

Identify and prioritise valuable products from waste streams

## Strategic Activity 2

Identify <u>technology</u> <u>gaps</u> and process limitations in food waste transformation

# Strategic Activity 3

Deliver tool kit for optimising technology and feedstock combination choice

# Strategic Activity 4

Review current <u>policy</u>, <u>regulations</u>, <u>legislation</u> and market settings which impact food waste transformation, and evaluate alternative policy recommendations

### Output 1

Commercially <u>valuable products</u> from food waste

### Output 2

Commercial <u>prototype technologies</u> for food waste transformation

### Outcome 3

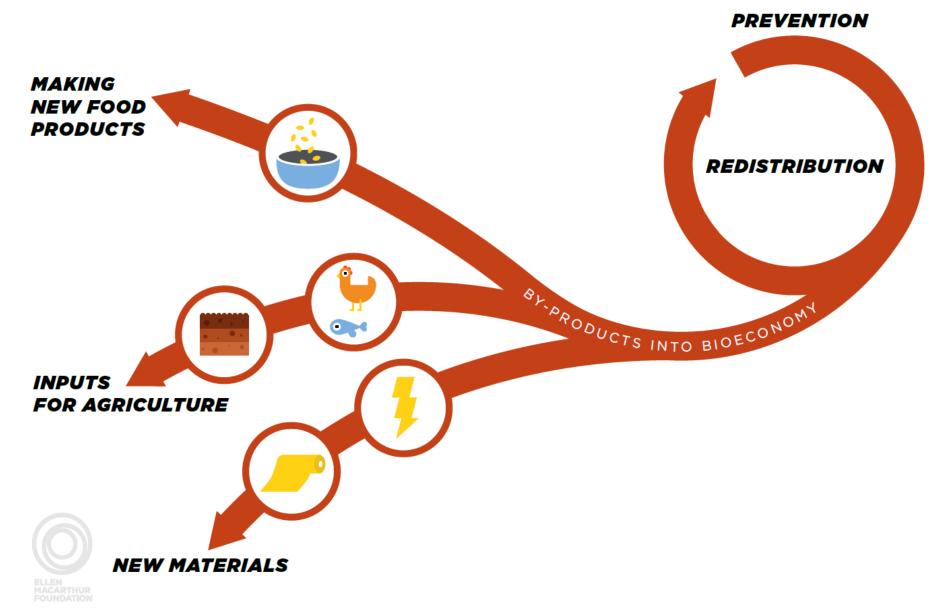
Framework to <u>optimise viability of</u> <u>technology and waste</u> input <u>combinations</u>

### **Outcome 4**

Regulation, legislation, and <u>policy</u> options to enable food waste <u>transformation</u> markets and promote investment.

# Five ways of creating value out of food waste





Source: Ellen Macarthur Foundation (2019) Cities and Circular Economy for Food

# **Current projects**



Making Australian Country Choice circular



Transformation of surplus tomato and capsicum produce



Nutraceutical extraction from Australian wine industry waste



Options for utilising apple and pear pulp residue

Stage 2



Transformation of surplus tomato and capsicum produce



Converting potato waste into pre-biotics and other valuable products



New Opportunities For Abalone Processing Waste

# **Current projects**



Advancing regional agrifood waste valorisation



Fuelling sustainable wastewater treatment with food waste



From food waste to smart compost formulations



Pilot-scale production of enhanced-value anaerobic digestion waste-derived bioproducts on the Darling Downs



SME Solutions Centre – Value adding to underutilised/waste pumpkin produce



Utilising nut waste in the sandalwood industry to enhance profitability and sustainability



Optimising and industrialising black soldier fly (BSF) production - redirecting food waste to livestock feed production using insects



Food Waste to Pig Feed – Safe and Bio-secure

# Upcycled food Global Trend Alert

A <u>Forbes report</u>, valued the Upcycled Food Industry at USD 46.7 billion in 2019 with a compound annual growth rate of 5% for the next ten years.



Whole Foods Market named Upcycled foods in their <u>top 10</u> <u>food trends for 2021</u>

## **Upcycling is coming to Australia**



Nestle Australia









**BREWDOG** 



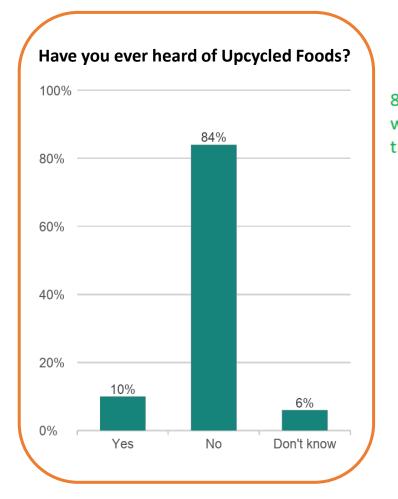
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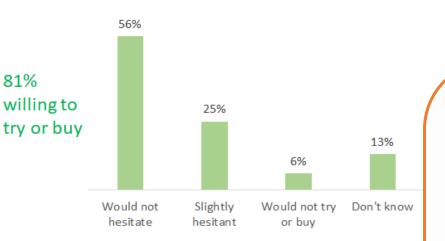
# Consumer perceptions

Once described, more than three-quarters of shoppers say they would be at least somewhat willing to try or buy such an Upcycled Food.

#### Likelihood to purchase Upcycled Foods

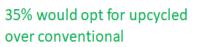


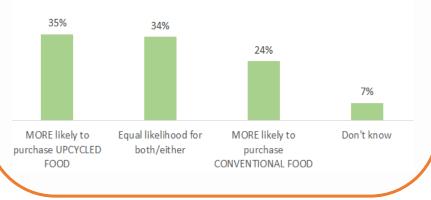




**1000** consumers were surveyed and consumer acceptance for upcycled food is strong All things being equal including price, taste, size, etc. preference for purchase is for an Upcycled Food according to the highest proportion of shoppers.

#### Likelihood to purchase Upcycled vs Conventional Food





**Source** 

# Making new food products



TRANSFORMATION OF SURPLUS/WASTE TOMATO AND CAPSICUM PRODUCE INTO VALUE-ADDED PRODUCTS





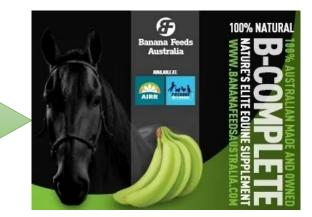






### BANANA FEEDS AUSTRALIA EQUINE SCOPING STUDY













### NUTRACEUTICAL EXTRACTION FROM AUSTRALIAN WINE INDUSTRY WASTE













# Inputs for agriculture

OPTIMISING AND INDUSTRIALISING BLACK SOLDIER FLY (BFS) PRODUCTION

 Redirecting food waste to livestock feed production using insects









This project will identify gaps in the regulation, policy, and standards that prevent insects from being used to reduce waste in the Australian food and agricultural supply chain. More comprehensive regulatory support can increase the use of this valorisation process, resulting in greater availability of high-protein feedstocks for intensive animal production (e.g. poultry, aquaculture, pork and beef production).

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# What's next for TRANSFORM

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