



Organic Waste Management

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Submission to National Commission of Audit - Organic Waste Management

We write with the intention of drawing your notice to the inefficiencies that exist within the two industries we perform in, namely the Waste disposal Industry and the Farming Industry.

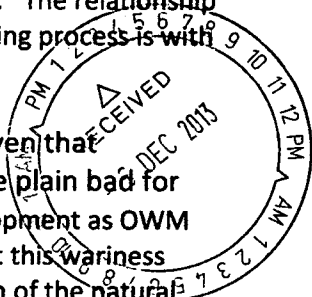
Indeed, it is widely recognised that inefficiency costs taxpayers and governments alike. Concerns were raised recently by the National Commission of Audit Terms of Reference that it is almost 20 years since there has been a thorough review of the scope, efficiency and functions of the Commonwealth government. The Review's focus was on the need for the Government to live within its means and reduce debt. In essence the report is drawing attention to inefficiency and the need to improve how the Government runs our country.

Inefficiency in our waste management became Organic Waste Management's (OWM) great concern in 1990 and the company has spent the years since developing and improving ways to efficiently treat our organic waste.

In 1991, following preliminary works and research, a pilot plant was commenced at Mornington Sewage works. After six years of successful operation OWM constructed its purpose built facility at Tooradin in 1999. OWM had been approached by Nestle Australia Pty Ltd with a view to commencing a business relationship to treat their waste residues.

The early style dedicated Worm Farm was labour intensive and required constant trial and correction, in 2005 a new partner introduced a more mechanical approach to the efficiencies of large scale worm farming and introduced compost to supplement the end product. The relationship between OWM and Nestle has proven how efficient and effective the OWM recycling process is with only one price increase since beginning.

Another inefficiency identified by OWM was within the farming industry, given that commercial synthetic fertilisers are not only prohibitively expensive they are plain bad for the environment. To demonstrate this farmers required research and development as OWM recognised their wariness of compost as a fertiliser. OWM clearly understood that this wariness was born from poor product in the market place, a need to use a higher application of the natural product initially and high relative transport costs.



In 2006 the company began researching the process of creating a broad acre natural fertiliser developed through the recycling of organic wastes. OWM's 14 years of operating the Tooradin facility has proven that:

- Sustainable recycling is affordable and applies downward pressure to on farm 'manageable' costs
- Sustainable recycling lessens the need for imported synthetic fertilisers.
- OWM direct action has proven its ability to put downwards pressure on rates without being reliant on the premise of cheap oil.
- The OWM method produces in excess of 90% genuine recovery rate.



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- 14 years of hydrology studies show the brackish ground water below the Worm Farm in excess of 50% cleaner in TDS.
- There has never been any grants or governmental monies put into the operation,
- Most importantly **ALL** who have used the product are happy to act as referees
- All waste suppliers will testify to the downward pressure on their disposal costs.

We feel that this record gives us the right to voice our concerns with the way our governments at all levels are performing in regards the waste industry.

We are genuinely alarmed that our bureaucracy is pushing our waste industries away from any environmentalism.

With the public service committees being staffed by the waste industries chosen members (self interest groups) we are witnessing very poor legislation being drafted and even worse initiatives being commissioned. The most concerning is the false information introduced to our industry by these self interest groups.

Food for thought for the Commission of Audit.

- 13.5 million tonnes of organic waste is dumped at landfills Australia wide per year. This not only wastes a valuable resource, it significantly and unnecessarily increases our carbon footprint.
- Notably had the last government been honest this 13.5 million tonnes should have attracted approximately \$300 million dollars of carbon tax.
- Given a substantial reduction of mass through the treatment process the 13.5 million tonnes could only hope to reduce Australia's dependence on synthetic fertiliser by about 50%, and many millions of dollars saved.
- Australia wide (NWP pg 3, 195 & 187) we produce 43,777,000 tonnes of waste per year, nearly half of this is organic waste - 20,060,000 tonnes. 64.72% of this or 13,640,000 tonnes of it enters landfill - this will cost \$250,000,000 to \$300,000,000 per annum in carbon taxes.
- How much money does the waste industry cost Australia per year?

Between land fill, ocean out fall and incineration how much does the waste industry really cost us?

No one will give us this information however The hon Member Mr Greg Hunt has authority and the ability to receive this information.

- We believe the total to be in excess of 30 billion dollars per year.
- The waste industry specializes in waste disposal but has proven they are not organic recyclers.
- The Prime Minister Mr Tony Abbott, being made aware of these anomalies, will enable him to instigate the necessary changes in a bureaucracy set in its ways.

• Farmers understand accountability as they know their ability to provide for their families next year depends on what they do this year.

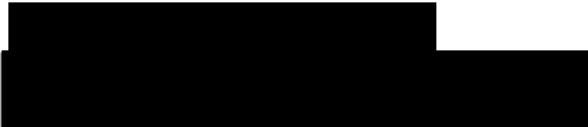
With the waste industry declaring that organics are nearly half of waste handled and our suggestion that the overall cost exceeds 30 billion dollars it leaves approximately 14 billion in funds needing reallocation.



With penalties for failure, genuine beneficial reuse would occur; transport via our existing rail networks to farming sites would see farmers being paid to turn the organic waste into their own fertiliser.

By this action alone you take 14 billion dollars from city based failures and re-allocate it as support to our regional centres. This is a 1000's of millions of dollars reward for doing something in the interest of better governance.

I trust we have given you enough information to warrant a discussion to explain just how seriously the self interest groups are damaging Australia.



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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I support Organic Waste Management (OWM) Submission to National Commission of Audit

I congratulate the Directors and staff of Organic Waste Management in their skills to recycle material for use in domestic and farming purposes.

Australia needs to be leaders in the field of recycling materials for the Organic needs of all Australians

I wish Organic Waste Management (OWM) success in their Submission

Yours sincerely, ██████████
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