



Foodservice Suppliers Association Australia Joins End Food Waste Australia in the Fight Against Food Waste

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Foodservice Suppliers Association Australia (FSAA) has officially joined End Food Waste Australia as Signatories to the Australian Food Pact. This collaboration marks a significant step forward in the collective effort to reduce food waste in Australia.

The latest Signatories to the initiative, FSAA joins the ranks of organisations such as Compass Group and Oz Harvest in the Australian Food Pact, a multi-year commitment aimed at addressing and mitigating food waste on a large scale. The Pact fosters collaboration among participating entities, facilitating the development and sharing of innovative food waste solutions tailored to the Australian market.

Led by End Food Waste Australia, tasked with leading the delivery of Australia's National Food Waste Strategy, and supported by the Australian Government's Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water, the Australian Food Pact is aligned with the UN's Sustainable Development Goal 12.3, which aims to halve global food waste by 2030.

According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, 35% of food produced for human consumption in Australia goes to waste. This wastage amounts to an enormous \$36.6 billion annually and contributes to approximately 3% of Australia's greenhouse gas emissions.

The impact of food waste extends beyond economic losses, affecting food security and exacerbating environmental challenges. With rising food prices, made worse by factors such as food inflation and global warming, a growing number of Australians face food insecurity with Foodbank Australia stating 1 in 6 Australians going hungry regularly.

FSAA, alongside other stakeholders committed to the Australian Food Pact, is dedicated to addressing these challenges by working towards the goal of halving Australia's food waste by 2030.

Mark Barthel, Chief Strategy Officer of End Food Waste, commented, "End Food Waste Australia welcomes the Foodservice Suppliers Association Australia to the Australian Food Pact and thanks them for committing their time and resources to the bold and important goal of halving Australia's food waste by 2030."





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## About End Food Waste Australia

End Food Waste Australia is a collaborative initiative bringing together diverse stakeholders to tackle food waste in Australia. End Food Waste is committed to reducing food waste through innovative solutions and collaborative partnerships such as the Australian Food Pact, Sector Action Plans and research and development through the End Food Waste Cooperative Research Centre. For more information, visit <u>End Food Waste Australia - Food Waste Action » End Food Waste Australia</u>

## About Foodservice Suppliers Association Australia

Foodservice Suppliers Association Australia (FSAA) is the leading organisation representing suppliers in the foodservice industry. FSAA is dedicated to promoting sustainable practices and addressing food waste challenges within the foodservice sector. For more information, visit <u>www.fsaa.org.au</u>