Compostable Plastic Packaging & Products (CPPP's) - Current New Zealand Household Model



Challenges with Current Model

- 1. There are no New Zealand Composting standards for commercial or home CPPP
- 2. Consumer confusion that CPPP can be recycled in plastic recycling systems
- 3. Currently very difficult to identify CPPP versus non CPPP as many are not labelled
- 4. No mainstream infrastructure for the collection of compostable plastic packaging
- 5. Limited # of compost facilities that will accept CPPP in New Zealand
- 6. Adding CPPP to organic waste degrades the quality of the compost with limited market and lowers the value of the processed compost
- 7. Home Compost systems are hugely variable (open vs closed)
 - The volume of CPPP must be limited to food and garden waste ratios

Based on findings, FGC advise members a "Not for Now" for plastic compostable packaging and products for household use

Compostable Plastic Packaging & Products (CPPP's) - Potential Future Model New Zealand Household Model



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Potential Future State Model for CPPP's in place by 2025 to meet NZ Plastic Packaging Declaration

- 1. Set a CPPP Standard for New Zealand. (Likely an adoption of the Australian Standard for Home and Commercial or similar International Standard). Ensure all CPPP's on the market comply to these standards.
- 2. Ensure all potential 'Greenwashing' claims are removed from CPPP's to assist with consumer understanding of CPPP's
- 3. Government funding to increase scale of infrastructure to allow nationwide network of collections / composting facilities in NZ
- 4. Nationwide consumer education program on CPPP's and their place in commercial composting systems and Home Composting systems and how to use them.
- 5. All CPPP's need to be easily identified by industry standard packaging guidelines to ensure the correct end use.

Meeting the Future state model, the 5 steps above being implemented nationwide would give the FGC confidence to advise members to introduce plastic compostable packaging & products for household use