

# WHY REDUCE FOOD WASTE?

Hospitality venues in Australia waste more than 140g of food per cover.<sup>1</sup>

Guests care more than ever about sustainability – and food waste is at the core of sustainability in hospitality.

Australia has a target to cut food waste in half by 2030, and everyone can get involved.



## PEOPLE.



**3.4 million**

households in Australia face **food insecurity**.<sup>2</sup>



**31%**

In 2025, **31%** of people asked for help for the **first time**.



The hospitality industry throws away the equivalent of **4.6 million meals each day**.<sup>1</sup>

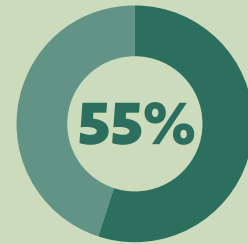
## PROFIT.



**2/3 of wasted food is edible food**.<sup>3</sup>



Food in the bin not only means **wasted ingredient costs**, but also **labor, overheads, and disposal costs**.



of consumers across all age groups consider **reducing waste** an **important factor when choosing a restaurant**.

## PLANET.



Throwing out **one burger** wastes the same amount of water as **running a shower for 90 minutes**.<sup>4</sup>



Food waste in landfill emits **Methane Gas** – which is **25x more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>**.



Globally, food waste is responsible for **10% of Greenhouse Gas emissions** – **3x more than the airline industry**.<sup>5</sup>

Food waste is a major problem in Australia. It has significant environmental and economic impacts. An important step to reduce the climate impacts of food waste is to divert food away from landfill.

The NSW government is requiring high food-wasting businesses to source separate food waste for recycling from 1 July 2026 depending on their weekly garbage capacity. It is part of a commitment to achieve net zero emissions from organics waste in landfill and halve food waste sent to landfill by 2030.

# ENDING FOOD WASTE STARTS WITH ALL OF US.



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