

Compost Australia is the national body for the recycled organics processing and marketing industry.

Compost Australia's Vision:

To develop a sustainable organics recovery industry through leadership, support, communication and marketing initiatives for our Members.

Compost Australia's Objective:

To have all organic recycled products in Australia correctly composted to meet the specifications of the beneficial re-use opportunities to which they are being applied.

Compost Australia's Deliverables:

- Promote the recovery of compostable organic materials;
- Develop sustainable markets for compost products;
- Develop and promote product standards and certification;
- Provide a national information network for the recycled organics industry;
- Identify, agree and enact common priorities;
- Inform and influence key stakeholders and decision makers; and
- Co-ordinate research and development activities nationally.

Compost Australia is a National Division of the Waste Management Association of Australia. The national office is located in Sydney with the activities delivered through five state Compost Working Groups.



“Compost for Soils” Producers

Compost Australia has both individual and business members. Business members are referred to as Compost for Soils Producers under the Advancing the Recycled Organics Industry (AROI) Program. Compost for Soils Producers pay a membership fee to the association based on the amount of organic material they recover for processing – it is a proxy Product Levy – the greater the processing throughput of a processor, the higher the membership contribution.

The Compost for Soils Producers have committed to:

1. Membership and promotion of the National Industry Association (Compost Australia);
2. Contributing to national industry development through their membership fees and active participation;
3. Maintaining appropriate local and state government licenses to operate;
4. Maintaining a verifiable and independently audited compost production system;
5. An open door policy where they allow customers to visit production sites;
6. Providing product information (according to a standard information sheet);
7. Providing appropriate advice to their customer base on how to use the products they sell in a responsible, sustainable way; and
8. Responding annually to a survey of their business activity.

Compost for Soils Producers sign a Declaration of Commitment to these activities and display it at their premises.

Compost for Soils Producers, through Compost Australia, maintain a website and up-to-date Fact Sheets with all the latest information on the benefits and uses of compost in a wide variety of applications.



**The Compost for Soils website
(www.compostforsoils.com.au) provides:**

- Details of all Compost for Soils Producers in each state;
- Downloadable information and Fact Sheets to help customers select and use a range of recycled organic products, including composts, mulches, soil conditioners, and specific application products;
- Information on the latest state and national-based compost related events and activities;
- Contact details for the Market and Industry Development Officer(s) in each state;
- Details on independently certified compost products;
- And much more...

Compost for Soils Producers seeking to produce independently certified products designed for specific applications commit to participating in the Certified Compost scheme.

Certified compost products are identified by the Leaf Mark.³ Certified Composts products meet the processing requirements of the Australian Standard for Composts, Soil Conditioners and Mulches AS4454, with compositional differences to this Standard altered to suit specific, sustainable and proven applications.

³ The Leaf Mark is the term given to Compost Australia's Application Specific Product Development Process for Recycled Organics Products, certified by SAI Global.



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For more information and a list of quality suppliers, go to

www.compostforsoils.com.au

the resource for compost users