

## Too good to waste

A waste avoidance and resource recovery strategy for Manly, Mosman, Pittwater and Warringah

2014



With landfill decreasing and costs increasing, it is important to find ways to reduce waste and increase recycling which is why the SHOROC councils have developed a draft waste strategy - *Too Good to Waste* which is now open for public comment at [shoroc.com](http://shoroc.com).

On average each household throws away 20% of the food they buy - that's one in five shopping bags and every day local households throw away recyclables in their garbage that could have been made into new products – 22% of our garbage is made up of recyclables.

Developed by the four SHOROC councils, *Too Good to Waste* details a combination of community-based and infrastructure solutions for the region to work towards the ambitious goal of diverting 75% of waste from landfill. It signals a shift from waste being a burden to being a resource and looks ahead to 2021 to avoid, reuse, recycle and recover our valuable resources.

Each year the four SHOROC councils collect about 117,000 tonnes of waste from 109,000 households, the equivalent to 11,700 garbage trucks full and the forecast is a 24% increase in the amount of household waste needing to be collected, recycled or disposed by 2021.

This draft strategy outlines how the councils are working together to improve waste avoidance and resource recovery and bring together projects that are better delivered in partnership.

The draft strategy has two key planks – the first is to provide sustainable infrastructure solutions to maximise resource recovery from the waste we create and minimise what goes to landfill. The second plank is to help our community to do their part to produce less waste, increase recycling, deal with problem wastes and reduce littering and illegal dumping.

The community is invited to have their say on the draft strategy by visiting [shoroc.com](http://shoroc.com). Strategy development has been supported by the NSW Environment Protection Authority with funding from the waste levy.

It's our future and it's too good to waste.

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## THE FUTURE LESS TO LANDFILL

Councils helping community to do their part

small changes make a **BIG IMPACT**

- ONLY BUY WHAT YOU NEED** (Shopping bags)
- GO PAPERLESS** (Laptop: TAKE YOUR BILLS ONLINE)
- Use a wormfarm MAKE COMPOST** (Worm farm)
- RECYCLE RIGHT** (Recycling bin: RECYCLE RIGHT right thing in right bin)
- RE-THINK** (Thought bubble: what you buy and what you throw away)
- Give away unwanted items** (Clothing: GIVE TO CHARITY)
- NO PROBLEM WASTE IN BINS** (Bin: No problem waste in bins)
- KEEP IT CLEAN** (Bench: Don't Litter)
- Hold a GARAGE SALE** (Garage)
- DON'T DUMP** (Mattress: call your council for pick-up)



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