

Appendix 3 – Action Plan NEWF

Resource Recovery Services	
Project	Milestone
Benchmark current waste generation & resource recovery rates	Conduct regional waste audits for domestic waste, recycling & organics services.
Increased resource recovery rates & reduce contamination from domestic organics & recycling streams by implementing improved practice management & recovery systems	Ongoing regional & local community education & communication programs
Maintain & develop existing & new regional contracts	Continue Northern Sub-regional Waste Management Planning
	Research & prepare regional contracts for green waste shredding, concrete crushing, metal waste, chemical collections, used oil, tyre disposal, electronic goods, LEMP licence requirements, purchase of plant & equipment.
Increase resource recovery rates & waste avoidance from the organics stream	Regional Organics Management Plan Stage 2 (Investigate Processing Options)
Improve systems for management of hazardous waste	Promote hazardous waste stores & programs (drumMUSTER, ChemClear) / Promote safe storage, recovery, disposal & where appropriate alternatives to household hazardous waste / Management of stores
	Co-ordinate regional hazardous waste collections
Increase resource recovery rates from the reuse sector	Promote, update & expand the online reuse directory to include C&I and C&D materials
	Implement second hand Saturday in all council areas (subject to evaluation from 2005 project)
Increase resource recovery rates & waste avoidance from the C&I sector	Business Waste Reduction Project – stage 2 (cleaner production / target additional businesses)
	Conduct a feasibility study for establishing a reuse / recycling operation for used electronic goods
Increase resource recovery rates & reuse & recycling from the C&D sector	Undertake research project to establish C&D Waste processing facilities at all landfill sites
Explore regional infrastructure sharing opportunities	Conduct feasibility study into regional landfill, recycling sorting facility & organics processing facility.

Regulatory Framework	
Project	Milestone
Implement controls & monitor compliance for resource management outcomes	Conduct waste costs & charges workshops for council financial managers (domestic, full cost pricing at landfills).
Commit to adopt waste minimisation DCP	Develop regional Waste Not DCP (based on Lismore City Council model).
Waste Reduction & Procurement	
Project	Milestone
Increase the purchase of recycled content & environmentally preferable goods and services	Councils sign up as members of the Local Government Buy Recycled Alliance (LGBRA)
	Implement Milestones of LBGRA program where appropriate
Community Leadership & Education	
Project	Milestone
Commit to increased community & education efforts to support waste avoidance & resource recovery with assistance from the DEC	Develop waste avoidance resources (for example The Green House & A-Z of Waste)
	Develop a NEWF Regional Education Plan in conjunction with all councils and the DEC
	Develop & implement evaluation plans for all NEWF education & communication programs to ensure project objectives are met
Provide environmental education programs that meet the specific needs of community sectors	Seek support for & assist with co-ordination of Environment Youth Forum (with Sustainable Schools Program, DEC and other regional service providers)
	Implement North Coast Eco-friendly Youth Project (Environmental Trust Grant funded)
Enhanced cross-sector co-ordination of programs.	Co-ordinate North Coast Environmental Education Working Group / Develop mechanisms for linking with other regional organisations.
Enhanced training, professional development & other support for those developing & delivering environmental education	Landfill Operator Training Course
	Implement a training program for council education staff through the Education Reference Group & North Coast Environmental Education Working Group.
Provide consistent & co-ordinated information & education for stakeholders	Develop & distribute NEWF communication / promotion package, newsletter & website