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National Food Plan
C/- Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry
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To whom it may concern

**Supplementary WALGA Submission –
Issues Paper to Inform Development of a National Food Plan**

Further to the Western Australian Local Government Association (WALGA) Submission on *the Issues Paper to Inform Development of a National Food Plan*, the Municipal Waste Advisory Council has met and request that a number of additional items be brought to the attention of the Department of Agriculture Fisheries and Forestry. It is hoped that consideration of these items, will give the Department a greater understanding of the implications associated with food waste in developing the National Food Plan.

The additional points for consideration are included below:

1. The Association would like to emphasise the importance of ensuring the National Food Plan is consistent with the priorities of the National Waste Policy;
2. That the Department works closely with the Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities to ensure a consistent and cohesive approach to the avoidance and management of food waste; and
3. There is a need for community education on topics related to food waste avoidance and home composting. This is due to the fact that there are a number of potential health implications associated with using inadequately composted material, such as the increased breeding of stable flies.

For more information or to discuss this Submission please contact Rebecca Brown, Manager Waste and Recycling, on telephone (08) 9213 2063 or at rbrown@walga.asn.au.

Yours sincerely

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