**Waste 2017 Abstract Submission**

**Sneak preview: NSW organics industry training**

*My presentation is relevant to the following topic area(s).*

🞎 Circular economy 🞎 Overseas experiences

🞎 Collection (inc MUD’s, transient population areas) 🞎 Problem/Hazardous waste (inc asbestos, clinical &

🞎 Container Deposit Schemes medical, ocean plastics, paint, tyres etc)

🞎 Economics (inc business cases, data gathering, 🞎 Product Stewardship

monitoring performance) 🞎 Regional issues

x Education (inc community engagement) 🞎 Recycling (inc CRC’s, collection)

🞎 E-Waste x Regulations and levies

🞎 Grants (outcomes and processes) 🞎 Social enterprise

🞎 Infrastructure (inc major waste grants, EfW, organics) 🞎 State based issues (eg. Fit for the Future NSW)

🞎 Innovative projects (case studies preferred) 🞎 Technology

🞎 Landfill (inc operations, regulations) 🞎 Tenders and contracts

🞎 Litter and/or illegal dumping (inc litter initiatives) 🞎 Other x x Organics (inc collection, processing)

**Presenter information**

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**Biography**

Amanda Kane manages the NSW EPA’s $100 million Organics Infrastructure Fund. She is a former journalist and experienced media and issues manager. With an additional $35.5 million allocated to get food and garden waste out of landfill under Waste Less Recycle More to 2021, Amanda’s current role involves tackling that on every front. Prevention, through Love Food Hate Waste, better collection services for homes and business, increasing processing capacity to manage the increased supply and supporting the development of healthy, viable markets for the recycled product.

**Abstract Summary**

The NSW Government will be investing more than $100 million in organics under Waste Less, Recycle More, transforming and growing the industry. Its latest initiative, an online training course for the organics industry, will launch in July 2017. For the first time, the industry and regulators will have an accessible, practical training platform to increase skills, knowledge and awareness of the regulations governing organics in NSW and how to make quality products while protecting the environment.

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**Abstract**

The NSW Government is investing $100 million in organics under Waste Less, Recycle More, increasing supply of organics through additional collections, increasing processing capacity with new infrastructure and expanding and build markets to receive the recycled product.

The investment is also bringing changes to regulations, more enforcement activities and increased compliance to improve standards.

It is bringing new players into the industry and helping existing operators grow. The NSW EPA’s Organics Industry Training course has evolved out of the identified need to support both the industry and compliance staff with knowledge and skills for a 21st century industry. It provides, for the first time in Australia, if not globally, an e-learning course covering everything you need to know about operating and managing an organics processing facility.

The eight modules cover regulation and compliance, process control and management, products and uses, environmental issues and composting. The content has been developed with input from industry experts, including members of an Australia Organics Recycling Industry (AORA) training sub-committee and local government.

The result will be an interactive, engaging course targeting four target learner groups ranging from ground worker to facility manager. It will include videos, animation and interactive units designed to interest and inform.

This presentation will provide some early insights into the training content and style, whetting the appetite for its roll out, free of charge to participants, from July 2017.