

Title:	National food waste strategy in the works to reduce excess
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Summary:	The Australian Government has indicated its commitment to reducing the amount of food waste the nation produces.
Interviewee(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brianna Casey, from Foodbank Australia • Ronni Kahn, from OzHarvest • Josh Frydenberg, Federal Energy and Environment Minister
Related Stories:	https://theconversation.com/au/topics/food-waste-5505

KEY WORDS

Below is a list of words which appear in the report. Can you match the words with their correct definition?

adapt for a different use	
amount of something left over after the rest has been used	
essential or urgent thing	
extra, excess	
indicate	
original and creative	
plan of action	
plan or program that aims to deal with a problem	
reassured	
satisfaction with your own abilities or a situation that prevents you from trying harder	
sustain, experience	
tackle, address, deal with	
weak, at risk, in need of care or support	

signal commitment (v)
develop a strategy (n)
scraps piling up (n)
relieved (adj)
innovative solution (adj)
repurpose food (v)
wonderful initiative (n)
surplus product (adj)
vulnerable Australians (adj)
grapple with an issue (v)
moral imperative (n)
overcome complacency (n)
incur a cost (v)

SUMMARY

The Australian Government has indicated its commitment to reducing the amount of food waste the nation produces.

FOCUS QUESTIONS

- Why do countries like Australia produce so much food waste? What role do farmers, food retailers and consumers play when it comes to food waste?
- Why is this a problem, e.g. from an environmental perspective?
- As well as being an environmental problem, one of the interviewees talks about the issue of food insecurity. What does this mean? What is food insecurity?
- How can the amount of food wastage be reduced? How can food which is normally thrown away be reused?
- Is it important to reduce food wastage?

PRE-LISTENING

Before listening to the report, note down what you think the following figures from the report refer to. Try to write a question.

- In half
- 2030
- \$20 billion per year

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

After listening to the report, try to answer the following questions

1. According to Ronni Kahn from OzHarvest, who is responsible for cutting the nation's food waste?
A. Farmers B. Food manufacturers C. Consumers D. All (A-C)
2. Why is she relieved that the federal government has committed to cutting the amount of food waste?
Because we need to have government commitment in order to
3. Australia has a reliable way to measure the amount of food waste. **T / F**
4. What's does Brianna Casey, from Foodbank Australia, agree with Brianna Casey about?
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5. What does Josh Frydenberg, the Federal Energy and Environment Minister, want to see done with surplus food?
6. According to Josh Frydenberg, how much food produce does the average Australian consumer throw away?

CLOZE

Use the words to complete the sentences

The form of the word may need to be changed

signal	strategy	scrap	relieved	innovative
repurpose	initiative	surplus	vulnerable	
grapple	imperative	complacency	incur	

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2. Although the company had made a record profit for the most recent financial year, managers were warned not to becomebecause business conditions could change very quickly.
3. Business leaders said they expected a decrease in company taxes at some time in the future but were still waiting for a clearfrom the government when exactly it would be introduced.
4. For decades, politicians in the US have beenwith the issue of gun control and how to reduce the number of gun related deaths without taking away people's constitutional rights.
5. Management and staff at the restaurant wereto hear they had retained their 3 star ranking in the country's most influential restaurant guide.
6. The abandoned factory wasinto an art gallery.
7. The chef was well-known for hisapproach to traditional dishes.
8. The food charity provided free meals to the homeless and otherpeople in the community.
9. The fruit and veg shop had aof tomatoes because of a mistake with ordering so they reduced the price to boost sales.
10. The government launched a newin schools to educate students about the importance of healthy eating.
11. The government said its long termwas to diversify the economy and make the country less dependent on agriculture as a source of export income.
12. The restaurant kitchen produced very little waste. Most foodwere used in stocks or as compost for its garden.
13. When the government announced a relaxation of rules relating to agricultural imports, the head of the country's main farmer's group said the protection of domestic agriculture must be recognised as a food security

ANSWERS

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How much does the federal government intend to cut the nation's food waste by? In half • When does it aim to achieve this reduction? 2030 • It's estimated that food waste costs the Australian economy how much per year? \$20 billion per year 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All (A-C) 2. get business commitment 3. There are no accurate measurements 4. That the amount of food waste is underreported 5. Reuse it to help those in need 6. One in five shopping baskets
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