

Compost Australia

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Who is Compost Australia?

The peak national association for the organics processing and recycling industry.

Goal

To support a professional and viable industry by:

1. Establishing a national industry organisation
2. Establishing and implementing an industry development plan

Compost Australia objectives

1. To establish a credible, viable and representative peak industry organisation.
2. To establish and support programs for the development of the industry.
3. To gain recognition of the industry as a key contributor to urban & rural sustainability.
4. To encourage increased professionalism across the industry.
5. To identify common industry priorities, and advocate for their implementation by government and industry.
6. To strive for the environmentally responsible recovery and management of compostable organic materials.
7. To actively support the development of agricultural markets for compost products.
8. To establish and maintain relationships with key stakeholders.
9. To support the development of relevant product standards, and encourage their adoption by both producers and users.
10. To establish communications systems for the industry to:
 - Access and disseminate information for industry development;
 - Enable industry consultation, and facilitate industry decision making;
 - Inform and influence key stakeholders and decision makers.
11. To provide formal response and comment on issues and policies affecting the industry.
12. To identify and catalyse strategic and commercially relevant research & development.

Organisational structure

The Compost Australia national committee is comprised of three full members from each of the state based Compost industry organisations. Committee members are nominated by their respective state Compost Working Group and must meet the requirements for full membership. The state working groups include: COMMPOST NSW; Compost Victoria; COMMPOST South Australia; Compost Western Australia; Organic Resources Queensland.

Full membership:

To be eligible for full membership of Compost Australia, your organisation must currently operate a commercial organics processing facility that complies with all relevant state and local regulatory and licensing requirements.

Associate membership:

Industry stakeholders, such as consultants, government agencies, educational institutions, local government and allied industries etc. are welcome to join Compost Australia as associate members. Associate members enjoy all functional benefits of full membership, but are not eligible for membership of the Compost Australia committee, and do not have voting rights within Compost Australia.

The Compost Australia committee may invite associate members to attend committee meetings on a one-off or project basis to support informed action, however only full members may be formal members of the committee and exercise voting rights.

Compost Australia membership benefits

Members receive the following benefits (in addition to WMAA membership benefits):

- Membership of Compost Australia email list for communication between organics processors across Australia
- Industry updates via Compost Australia e-news and notices of industry events
- Access to:
 - www.rolibrary.com a searchable on-line catalogue of information resources on the recovery and management of compostable organic materials; and the manufacture and marketing of recycled organics products;
 - Recycled Organics Clearinghouse: on-line listing of current research projects and government programs from around Australia at www.recycledorganics.com; and
 - Industry updates via the Compost Australia internet site www.compostaustralia.org
- CD of information resources and “how to” manuals for commercial scale composting
- Contribution to industry development objectives and priorities
- An influential voice into government policy and strategy development
- 1 vote at Compost Australia AGM (full members)

How to join Compost Australia

To join compost Australia requires filling out a single WMAA membership form, and ticking the relevant box to also join Compost Australia:

1. **Join WMAA** by completing the form online at <http://www.wmaa.asn.au/form.html> or printing the form on the following page. Select the category of membership that suits your needs; either *Individual member*, *Corporate member* or *Local Government Member*;
2. **Join Compost Australia Division** (additional \$99 incl. GST). Under the *National Divisions* sub-heading on the WMAA membership form, simply check the box to join Compost Australia. Please note that membership of Compost Australia is separate from membership of your respective state Compost Working Group.
3. **Submit the form** via internet or post / fax to WMAA (instructions on form).

If you are already a WMAA member, simply complete the attached WMAA membership form noting that you are currently a WMAA member and follow from step 2 above.