**How to approach your Strata/Building Manager about introducing FOGO**

**Checklist**

1. **Information Gathering**

* Understand the benefits of FOGO
* Contact the Harbour Cities Education Team by email at **education@wollongongwaste.com.au** to organise a site visit and investigate bin logistics including availability of space for bin and how it will be collected as well as opportunities and resources to educate all residents about FOGO in the building

1. **Resident Engagement**

* Discuss with neighbours to gauge support
* Conduct a survey or petition and gather any feedback from conversations with other residents if necessary

1. **Prepare Proposal using template**

* Include resident support
* Provide logistical details (space, collection, etc.), (Harbour Cities Education Team will support with this)
* Address potential concerns like contamination or space (Harbour Cities Education Team will support with this)

1. **Meeting with Strata**

* Schedule a meeting with the Strata/Building Manager
* Present your proposal and be ready to answer questions and propose solutions (Harbour Cities Education Team can support with this)

1. **Follow Up**

* Check in with the Strata/Building Manager on the decision
* Offer to assist with implementation planning, the Harbour Cities Education Team will also support with this



**FOGO Introduction Proposal**

**Date**:

Residents of **[insert property address here]** are interested in using residential FOGO (*Food Organics Garden Organics*) bins to dispose of their food scraps and garden organics and would like to investigate this opportunity for the building.

**The Benefits of Using FOGO Bins**

1. **Environmental Benefits**

* **Reduces Landfill Waste and Decreases Greenhouse Gas Emissions**: Diverts food scraps from landfill, reducing the volume of general waste produced by the building and greenhouse gas emissions caused by organic waste in landfill.
* **Produces Valuable Compost:** Organic waste collected through FOGO is processed into nutrient-rich compost locally by SOILCO.

1. **Waste Management Efficiency**

* **Frees Up Space in General Waste Bins:** By diverting organic waste, FOGO reduces the strain on general waste bins, preventing overflows and reducing contamination in other waste streams.
* **Cleaner, Less Smelly Bins:** Organic waste is a significant contributor to odour in general waste bins. FOGO bins help manage this by separating out food scraps, keeping other bins cleaner and more pleasant.
* **Encourages Broader Waste Separation:** Engaging with FOGO can inspire residents to be more conscious of other waste streams, like recycling plastics, glass, and paper, leading to better overall waste separation.

1. **Community and Social Benefits**

* **Promotes Sustainable Living:** FOGO helps residents actively contribute to sustainability by encouraging responsible waste disposal practices.
* **Builds Community Engagement:** Working together to adopt new waste management practices can foster a sense of community among residents and encourage collaboration on other sustainability initiatives.

1. **Supports Council Sustainability Goals**

* **Aligns with Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2024-2034:** By implementing FOGO, your building can contribute to achieving our key goals of: Reduce Waste to Landfill, Transition to a Circular Economy, and Reduce our Waste Related Emissions.
* **Helps Meet Waste Diversion Targets:** Multi-unit complexes often produce a large volume of waste. Introducing a FOGO service can help meet council waste diversion targets by capturing a significant portion of the organic waste generated.
* **No additional costs:** These bins are provided as a part of the Wollongong City Council Residential Waste Service and will not incur additional costs to set up or for ongoing servicing.
* **Additional educational support available:** The Harbour Cities Education Team is available to support in introducing these bins, and provide resources and on-going support to make this a success.

**Resident Support for Introducing FOGO Bins**

Initial enquiries have shown that **[number of motivated residents] residents** are highly motivated and interested in utilising this service. Please find proof of this interest below:

*Attach petition/survey results or resident feedback here.*

**How would it work?**

**Current set-up**

*Details on current bin room set up and bin collection arrangement.*

**Set-up Proposal**

*Details on where the FOGO bins will be placed and how collection services may work. The Harbour Cities Education Team will also confirm what is logistically possible.*

**Images**

*Attach images here of bin room set up and space available.*

**Next Steps**

**Action required by Strata/Building Manager**

*The Harbour Cities Education Team will help to complete this section.*

* Please reach out with any concerns or questions you may have with the proposal, the Harbour Cities Education Team are also able to support in finding suitable solutions.
* Please seek approval to move forward with introducing FOGO bins into the building.
* Please reach out to Harbour Cities Education Team to arrange delivery of the bins and supporting resources such as caddies, caddy liners, bin room signs, printed educational resources etc FREE of charge.

**Action required by REMONDIS Harbour Cities**

*The Harbour Cities Education Team will help to complete this section.*

* Address any concerns or questions in introducing the FOGO service to the building.
* Provide education resources such as bin room signs, kitchen caddies, caddy liners, printed resources FREE of charge.
* Arrange the delivery of FOGO bins to the property.
* Provide ongoing educational support to the property to ensure successful waste separation.

Other items the Harbour Cities Education Team can also help with:

* Notification Flyers and education for Kerbside Collection Services
* Waste Service Resources including bin room signs, bin stickers, Waste Services Guides, FOGO caddies and liners
* Educational support for contamination issues including letters, phone calls and face-to-face