

Zero Waste Network Journey 1980s to 2018

KEY NETWORK INFLUENCERS

A BIG,
SHARED
VISION

PASSIONATE,
CONSISTENT
PEOPLE

COMMUNITY
LED CHANGE
AND
ENTERPRISE

A CULTURE OF
GENEROSITY
AND
OPENNESS

CENTRAL
GOVERNMENT
ENGAGEMENT
(OR LACK OF)

COUNCIL
SUPPORT AND
CONTRACTS
(OR LACK OF)

NATIONAL
GATHERINGS
AND
ADVOCACY



zero
waste
NETWORK

Late 1980s
to 1997

Innovative communities set up community recycling enterprises (eg Kaitaia, Kaikoura, Wanaka, Waiheke, Raglan).

1997

Zero Waste New Zealand Trust formed.

1999-2002

Events and first New Zealand Waste Strategy create focus and connection.

2003

Community Recycling Network created as an informal entity.
Annual national hui from this point.

2005

Reclaiming Auckland's Resources report sows seeds for Auckland's Resource Recovery Network.

2006

Community Recycling Network (CRN) formalises under the Community Enterprise Network Trust (CENT).

2006

Zero Waste Academy formed.

2008

Waste Minimisation Act passed.
National e-waste collaboration - potential unrealised.

From 2009

Some councils retract from community recycling contracts.

2011

Auckland zero waste leadership emerges.

2015

CRN wins council contract to redistribute Auckland's inorganic collection materials.

2016

Collaboration begins with Community Energy Network and Environment Hubs Aotearoa.

2017

Community Recycling Network renamed the Zero Waste Network.

2018

Hopeful times with central government engagement, Akina Foundation partnership and community demand for change (eg single use plastics ban and waste levy signalled).

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