

# 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
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Late 1980s onwards	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.
2002-2003	Zero Waste Academy formed.
2003	Community Recycling Network created as an informal entity. Annual national hui from this point.
2003-2012	Working with EXITO to build formal certification for resource recovery; many network members become trained.
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).
2008	Waste Minimisation Act passed. National e-waste collaboration - potential unrealised.
From 2009	Some councils retract from community recycling contracts.
2012	Auckland zero waste leadership emerges.
2015	CRN wins council contract to redistribute Auckland's inorganic collection materials. First Auckland resource recovery centre opens in Waiuku.
2016	Collaboration begins with Community Energy Network and Environment Hubs Aotearoa.
2017	Community Recycling Network renamed the Zero Waste Network.
2018	CENT and Akina Foundation partnership to grow community enterprise nationally. Hopeful times with more central government engagement and community demand for change.