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## R&CA ON THE FRONTLINE OF FOOD WASTE PREVENTION

Restaurant & Catering Australia (R&CA) has been formally announced as one of 18 successful grant recipients as part of the NSW Government's *Love Food Hate Waste* initiative delivering food waste educational programs across the state.

As part of the 12-month project, R&CA will be surveying its member businesses in NSW on their current food waste practices to establish a baseline of data before implementing initiatives to assist individual businesses with reducing their food waste footprint.

R&CA CEO Juliana Payne welcomed the new partnership with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) which will have a significant impact on the reduction of food waste across the café, restaurant and catering sector state-wide.

"As we know, food waste is an enormously important issue which has significant implications for all individuals, households and businesses.

"As the industry association representing the interests of cafés, restaurants and catering businesses, we are fully committed to helping address the issue of food waste through driving educational programs across our sector.

"We are delighted to be partnering with the NSW Government to deliver educational food waste reduction initiatives as part of the *Your Business is Food* program to café-owners, restaurateurs and caterers across the State.

"For these hospitality operators, implementing food waste reduction initiatives not only ensures that their business is operating more sustainably but also delivers increased profits through minimising wastage.

"The pilot of the *Love Food Hate Waste* program has already generated a significant reduction in food waste for businesses who managed to cut down on their food waste by an average of 21 per cent.

"We are looking forward to working with individual businesses and the NSW EPA to continue the success of this program," Ms Payne said.



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To participate in the *Your Business is Food* program, please contact the Association on 1300 722 878 or email [restncat@restaurantcater.asn.au](mailto:restncat@restaurantcater.asn.au).

Restaurant & Catering Australia's *Your Business is Food* project has been supported with a \$30,000 grant from the NSW EPA's Love Food Hate Waste Program.

The Love Food Hate Waste grants have been awarded under the NSW EPA's Organics Infrastructure Fund which forms part of the Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, a NSW Government initiative funded from the waste levy.

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