



Summary of the Discussion Paper:

Encouraging the Circular Economy in Nova Scotia

*Developing a Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste
to 300 kg per person per year by 2030*



The Government of Nova Scotia is consulting the public on ideas to encourage the province's circular economy and reduce waste. We want your input!

The Province has set a solid waste disposal target of 300 kg per person per year by 2030 in the [Environmental Goals and Climate Change Reduction Act](#) and has committed to developing a strategic plan by the end of 2023 to show how we will reach this target. We want your input on what should be included in this strategic plan. The public consultation will take place from now until September 29th, 2023. Your feedback will assist the Province in developing the strategic plan and meeting its 2030 waste diversion goal.

The Discussion Paper "Encouraging a Circular Economy in Nova Scotia: Developing a Strategic Plan to Reduce Waste to 300 kg per person per year by 2030" provides the background, policy ideas and prompting questions to help you tell us how best to achieve our waste diversion goal. The paper highlights the benefits of reducing waste, which include:

- growing our circular economy;
- preserving valuable resources;
- reducing economic and environmental impacts associated with disposal;
- supporting more than 4,000 existing jobs in the sector and creating new ones;
- improving economic efficiency; and
- reducing greenhouse gases to help mitigate climate change.

The paper presents an overview of waste disposal in Nova Scotia and discusses eight key policy approaches, used within and outside of the province, that could be leveraged to divert more waste from landfills. These high-potential policy approaches include:

- Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) programs
- Implementing targets for disposal bans
- Construction and demolition debris diversion
- Education and awareness initiatives
- Repurposing municipal diversion credits
- Financial incentive programs
- Procurement strategies
- Energy recovery from waste

The paper includes questions related to each of the eight policy approaches to help stakeholders provide robust feedback.

Feedback will be accepted through the online feedback portal. The portal is designed to make it easy for you to provide feedback on each proposed policy approach, as well as to provide any other feedback you have related to getting us to our 300 kg per person per year goal. Please provide feedback based on knowledge in your area. There is no need to respond to all questions; they are presented only as a guide. If you prefer, you can also send your feedback via email to SWRM@novascotia.ca.

Thank you!!

