

# HOSPITALITY & TOURISM RESOURCE EFFICIENCY FACT SHEET

Resource efficiency means using the earth's natural resources in a sustainable manner, enabling the delivery of greater value with less input.



**THIS FACTSHEET WILL INTRODUCE YOU TO RESOURCE EFFICIENCY IN WATER, WASTE, AND ELECTRICITY, SHARING AUSTRALIAN CASE STUDIES AND ACTIONABLE STEPS FOR YOUR BUSINESS TO IMPLEMENT.**



## FOOD WASTE CASE STUDY: ELIXIBA RESTAURANT

Food waste in landfill produces 25 more times Carbon Dioxide than other waste streams and as such it was a priority of Elixiba Restaurant on the Sunshine Coast to reduce the amount of food that was going in their general bins.

To reduce their food waste the Elixiba team:

- > Partnered with a local commercial composter
- > Invested in biodegradable bin liners and a kitchen food waste bin
- > Educated their team on the importance of food waste separation and reduction
- > Provided ongoing training and support as needed.

Elixiba restaurant is successfully separating out their food and organics and diverting this to a local composter to be used in their commercial composting operation as a soil supplement creating additional value for the local community and reducing their environmental footprint.

## QUICK TIPS FOR RESOURCE EFFICIENCY IN YOUR WORKPLACE:

### ENERGY



- > Establish efficient start & shut-down procedure
- > Consider more efficient lighting & kitchen equipment
- > Monitor in real-time with smart devices
- > Reward & recognise team members

### WASTE



- > Buy in bulk to reduce packaging
- > 'Source separate' to increase value of recycling
- > Partner with local community members to find end of life options for food waste

### WATER



- > Install water monitor
- > Check & maintain plumbing equipment
- > Install tanks or utilise other water sources

**CHECK OUT THE RESOURCE EFFICIENCY CHECKLIST FOR PRACTICAL STEPS TO IMPLEMENT IN YOUR BUSINESS**