



Christchurch Housing Forum Notes

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(Food rescuers and anti-food waste campaigners)

- 1/3 of all food produced for human consumption is wasted globally every single day while 18 million people are starving.
- If we use 25% of all the food waste, the world could be zero hunger.
- The economic impact is phenomenal - \$400 billion annually.
- If food wastage were a country, it could be the 3rd largest greenhouse gas emitter.
- Each NZ household throws away at least 3 trolleys of food per year (eg. 20 million loaves of bread/ 6.4 tonnes potatoes/ 3.2 tonnes of bananas are wasted every year).
- Therefore, NZ is listed No. 9 of food wastage in the OECD countries and we can't step away from this problem (Australia is listed No.13).
- In the food rescue industry, we tried to avoid using the word 'hunger' to avoid stereotype of beggar and homeless.
- Food insecurity is a chronic problem which means inability to buy nutritious food per person per day.
- FoodBank Canterbury: Christchurch's only secular, independent food rescue organization: Collecting, sorting and redistributing food (This year in 2019, 574.5 tonnes of food were redistributed and Landfill Reduction was 447,168 kgs).
- How it works? Collecting food from supermarkets, farmers and producers and redistributing to the charities, where they serve the local community and allocate the food to the individuals who are in need.
- Social impact value to our Canterbury Region in 2019: \$110 million
- What can you do? 1. Minimize your own waste 2. Volunteer 3. Donate 4. Spread the word & share information

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(Please check his Powerpoint for more details)