

The foundation policy statement on waste management “Changing Our Ways” bases national policy on the EU Waste Management Hierarchy, which in descending order is:

- Prevention,
- Preparing for Reuse,
- Recycling,
- Other Recovery (including energy recovery); and
- Disposal.

The current national waste policy statement “Waste Action Plan for a Circular Economy” is an action focused plan for Ireland to embrace the opportunities in becoming a circular economy and its objectives include ensuring that measures support sustainable economic models (for example by supporting the use of recycled over virgin materials). The proposed expansion of waste processing capacity is consistent with the national policy objectives and contribute to the achievement and maintenance of national and regional recycling and recovery targets and encourage circular economy initiatives.