



Waitakere City, NZ

In a first for New Zealand, Waitakere City commissioned a ground-breaking new composting facility to turn its mountains of green waste into environmentally friendly organic mulch.

The Waitakere Council Solid Waste Business Unit chose Vertical Composting Units (VCU) to compost its organic waste.

The VCU In-Vessel Composting facility was opened in 2001 by Mayor of Waitakere City Bob Harvey and Stephen Tindall, in his role as head of the Zero

Waste New Zealand Trust.

Prior to the installation, the Waitakere Transfer Station received 124,000 tonnes of waste each year, with around 90,000 tonnes going to landfill. Finding new ways of dealing with this ever-increasing waste stream was critical to the sustainable management strategies which formed the basis of the City's Eco-city philosophy.

The facility, operated by Perry Environmental, composts all green waste entering the transfer station using the VCUs.

