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1. **CORE Name Change** - CORE recently added the word “and” to it’s name in recognition of the role CORE plays in other resource recovery and industry sectors including commercial & industrial (C&I) and stormwater management.
2. **NSW EPA recently established an Expert Reference Group (ERG)** - The ERG has been developed to assist in policy development for recycled organics. CORE is a member of the ERG along with the ROU, COMPOST NSW, NSW Agriculture and Resource NSW. Much discussion has taken place on prioritising emerging markets.
3. **CORE tackles Resource NSW transition** - Following the industry leaders forum in July a letter was sent to the Minister of the Environment containing a series of resolutions to address the transition period following the establishment of Resource NSW. A subsequent letter was received by CORE in November that acknowledged CORE’s role on the EGR but did not address many of the resolutions contained in the July letter. CORE is working closely with EPA NSW staff to address the outstanding matters.
4. **CORE attempts to engage NSW EPA on CORE organics marketing initiative** - CORE has written to the NSW EPA about the establishment of a Marketing Information & Planning System designed to monitor factors that influence supply and demand. Also included in the letter was a proposal to conduct a NSW-wide market scan to more accurately assess demand in regional NSW for recycled organic products.
5. **CORE approaches EPA on organics stockpiling issue** - Another letter was sent to the NSW EPA that addressed early initiatives aimed at reducing ever-increasing stockpiles reported by many members. The early initiatives include:

**6. Seminar Details** - An Advancing Agriculture seminar involving prominent identities from around Australia that are successfully demonstrating the use of RO is scheduled for late February 2002 to include;

- A Viticulture Early Adopters Program;
- Development of an Industry Database in the priority emerging markets;
- Promoting RO in the “It’s a Living Thing” Campaign; and
- Better targeting of high volume special projects.