



### SETTING UP YOUR OWN ENTERPRISE:

# Personal Checklist

Community wood recycling is a highly rewarding and fulfilling activity, but setting up and running any venture is hard work and can be stressful, so should not be entered into lightly. The following list of (hopefully) thought-provoking questions will help those interested to properly consider all the personal implications of such a move.

1. Are you prepared for very long hours and the stress/responsibility that comes with running a venture?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

2. Is/are your partner/family/friends supportive of what you want to do?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

3. Are you prepared to make the financial sacrifices necessary to run such a venture?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

4. Have you worked out what your minimum income needs are, and are they achievable?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

5. Are you prepared to work some evenings and weekends if necessary?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

6. Are you physically fit and capable of lots of manual labour?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

7. Are you up for managing staff and volunteers - some of whom might have certain "baggage"?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

8. Could you provide good leadership to a group of disparate individuals?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

9. Could you/learn to prepare and manage a budget?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

10. Are you a self-starter?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

11. Are you a quitter or a stickler?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

12. Are you a good listener?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS:

13. Can you think on your feet?  
YES.....; NO.....; NEED MORE THOUGHT.....; COMMENTS: