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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Action on waste crisis

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The waste crisis affected us this year.

The SKM Laverton plant was issued a warning and subsequent fines by the EPA for stockpiling recycling that would have normally been sent to China for processing. As a result, I could not put my yellow bin out for six weeks, and I know for others living more regionally it is still ongoing. Their recyclable resources are getting emptied straight into landfill and all because we can't process it here because we don't have the facilities.

The government needs to prioritize this in the upcoming term. We need to invest in local processing of our resources, implement country wide "cash for cans" - the 10c refundable scheme for bottles and cans across every state. Along side this we need to support businesses that use single use packaging and plastics for their products. If we transition away from these we will ultimately have less rubbish to process. Alternatives for single use plastics on packaging are widely known of, but companies choose not to repackage their products in an environmental way because it eats into their profit. We need to subsidize and congratulate business for choosing the responsible thing to do and if this comes in the form of a subsidy and takes single use plastic off our shelves, we would half the work required to sort contamination from recyclables.

Thankyou.

-- Jolie Boyd

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I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.