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**To:** recyclinginquiry  
**Subject:** Bring back recycling to the world's Most liveable city!

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dear Victorian Government,

I would just like to start this letter by saying you should feel ashamed, ashamed that you provide us with recycling bins and then hide the fact that you throw our recycling to landfill, ashamed that you are damaging our planet further, and stealing this world from generations to come!

Every day I make a conscious effort to reduce the amount of plastic based recycling I allow into my home, anything non-recyclable I attempt to avoid completely. In my home we separate all recyclables from food waste and landfill... this includes removing the little bit of plastic off any letters I may still receive (generally government letters wasting our precious trees), but really, what are all of my efforts for? So that my hard work can all end up in the same place? Landfill? This is a joke, it's not right! And the worst part is, some of this then ends up in our precious oceans, killing our reefs, killing our wildlife.. I and the children below me are the future of this country, of this world.. and it is hurting me to see that our government is polluting our beautiful planet. I want change, WE want change. We want our government, the people WE put in power, to manage our futures better; we want you to do the right thing by us, and knowing just how many trillions of tons of recycling go to landfill makes me frustrated. We need to learn from leading countries in recycling, we need to sort our recycling more efficiently and we need you to process it correctly. Save our future, save our planet, stop investing in worthless coal, and invest in this change for the future!

Thank you. ♻️

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