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Subject: Recycling industry problems and a goal to end all unnecessary waste

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I live in Fawkner, a suburb away from recent massive recycling plant fires in the northern suburbs of Melbourne. I see the plumes of black smoke move over residential areas. Stockpiling and selling off doesn't work. It's run by questionable operators, it's dangerous, it's incredibly bad for the environment, and it continues our current trajectory into a world where there is this mythical 'away' place where waste goes that is unseen and unspoken.

There is no away. If we want clean air, clean land, clean lungs and good health, we need to drastically alter our perception on waste. Composting of all food waste, banning all unnecessary single use plastics, and tax on packaging are all possibilities. Building our own recycling system is valuable, but ultimately divorcing our attachment to packaging, waste and living within our means (ie. not wasting in the first place) is what is required. Urgently.

-- Hilary Hoggett

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