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As a new(ish) Victorian, I've been able to see with fresh eyes the incredible desire of Victorians (especially those in Melbourne) to live sustainably, and it has been heartbreaking to also witness this desire being stifled by insufficient recycling services, limited green waste processing, and zero long term or well-advertised ways to recycle soft plastics. Waste to energy is NOT A SOLUTION. It is a procrastination technique and shamefully void of any real responsibility-taking by the Victorian government. I would love to see a well-advertised, government run initiative to recycle soft plastics, with easily accessible bins or even a soft plastic home collection. There must also be a home-turf based recycling solution that's does not involve China or offloading our responsibility onto others. Focus should also be on creating simple composting solutions for large businesses and hospitality. This could include food-waste collection and distribution to composting centers or already-established community gardens. The desire and passion already exists within the Victorian public, but we need further education and ACCESSIBLE solutions, rather than having to jump through hoops.

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