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I think that managing our waste is one of the key issues that is defining our current generation. It would be amazing to see Victoria step up and be among the world leaders in this area. I have been to the surf coast where there are dead shearwater birds on the beach, stomachs full of plastic. All of my local waterways have some rubbish or other. It is pervasive. Here are some ideas for solutions.

- 1) Ban single use plastics wherever possible (except e.g. for hospitals) particularly in the hospitality field.
- 2) Utilise Clean Up Australia Day as a statewide volunteer day where everyone has time out from work to volunteer cleaning up different regions - this would help people understand how pervasive waste is and the consequences of not disposing of rubbish properly
- 3) Look into a waste management facility such as that of Norway, Sweden or Singapore - this would generate jobs & income, we could possibly take rubbish from other states
- 4) Ban plastic microbeads
- 5) Create a container deposit scheme - Victorians are jumping the border to Moama where they line up with bags of recyclables to generate income
- 6) Support businesses in creating a circular economy e.g. encourage businesses to allow people to bring their own containers to purchase
- 7) Make food composting areas mandatory in new developments
- 8) Heavily publicize e-waste options
- 9) Encourage councils to allow bulk hard rubbish collections - so much of it is taken up by other people that only a fraction of what was originally put out goes to waste
- 10) Look at making product owners responsible for their own waste

Thank you we can do this.

Yours Sincerely,
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