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To whom it may concern,

I commend the committee for its wide-ranging and forward-thinking Terms of Reference.

I urge the government to take the following steps:

1. Fund a report into effective, local, council-run recycling systems (such as those in Scandinavia); and examine the feasibility of implementing a system like this in Victoria.
2. Invest in building recycling capacity within Victoria, particularly by supporting local councils to undertake local recycling initiatives. There is the potential here for many direct and downstream employment opportunities.
3. Ban all single-use plastics and plastics for food packaging, other than those necessary for food safety where no alternate packaging material exists.
4. Support the rollout of container deposit schemes to improve the quality and profitability of recycled materials. Victoria is one of the only states across Australia not to have embraced this.

Thank you for undertaking this inquiry - it is of vital importance to the community at large, and with various crises we have witnessed, in terms of stockpiling waste as well as the limited space available for landfill, it is an urgent problem that is in the interests of all Victorians to have addressed.

Yours sincerely,

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