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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing this submission to pledge my support for ending the recycling and waste crisis in Victoria.

I believe it is crucial that businesses focus on overhauling the design and manufacturing of packaging for goods in Australia, so that goods with reusable packing or entirely recyclable packaging become the norm. The provision of goods in packaging that is entirely recyclable or reusable will assist individual consumers to take responsibility for their actions and make better choices that generate less of an environmental impact. Naturally, this will be a resource-intensive exercise by businesses. As such, the government should prioritise investment in assisting industry to move towards a more sustainable model of both designing and manufacturing. Likewise, I hope to see the Sustainability Fund, established in accordance with section 70 of the Environment Protection Act 1970, allocated towards the introduction of an eco-labelling scheme that clearly denotes the different components of the packaging of a good that are recyclable (and in what context - e.g. by regular recycling collected by the council, or by a private company such as TerraCycle).

I also call on the government to support the transition of our community to one that produces significantly less waste. Be it through education campaigns or legislative measures (e.g. introducing a ban on single-use plastics), I believe it is essential that we as a community acknowledge and address the widespread impact of the current trends of high consumerism in Australia. In addition to investment in locally-based efficient recycling systems, it is equally important that we send the message to the public that 'recycling' is in fact a last resort, after 'reducing' and 'reusing' in the course of consuming goods/services.

Kind Regards,

A Concerned (but Hopeful) Community Member

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