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Waste and recycling in government funded schools Annette Gloria

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To the Legislative Council, Environment and Planning Committee,

We are the Environment Committee, and we are writing on behalf of Balwyn High our submission relating to recycling and waste management in public schools.

We have recently implemented a rental cutlery system in our school canteen, as well as swapping all the plastic cutlery for wooden cutlery. We believe that this initiative has helped us to create a more environmentally friendly and sustainable canteen. Since this has been rather effective in our school, we propose that all government schools incorporate a rental cutlery system and/or swap plastic cutlery for wooden cutlery. Furthermore, banning plastic straws in all public school canteens will also reduce the plastic waste.

Secondly, while it is evident that the Nude Food program has been implemented in many primary schools, this initiative to reduce plastic waste is not as prominent in high schools. For this reason, we propose that all public schooling systems implement this program into their curriculum. In terms of education, we also request that all year levels should receive education regarding food waste and strategies to reduce it. We believe that by implementing these programs into the Victorian Education curriculum, more people will be aware of their impacts on the environment, thus allowing for a more educated, and hopefully more sustainable community.

Lastly, we would also like to propose the following relating to paper waste and recycling. We believe that by encouraging eLearning (i.e. no paper handouts) our use of paper is reduced, therefore less waste. If printed paper is needed, Balwyn High often uses double sided printing and if possible, multiple sheets to one side. We would like to put forward that all schools encourage eLearning, and where possible use double sided printing. Furthermore, funding to purchase recycled paper in all government funded schools would also be more sustainable.

We thank you for your time in reading our submission and hope that our proposals may be successful in the future.

Yours Sincerely,

Julian Wong and Annette Gloria
Environmental Captains

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