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**To:** recyclinginquiry  
**Subject:** Very disturbed and worried!

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Hello!

I'm very concerned and disappointed in the absence of effort into basic sustainability measures in Australia, particularly in our seemingly forward thinking state and city.

The lack of basic recycling-plastics, paper products, glass and cans- is such a step backwards. And it has always been disgraceful that Victoria has not offered the small cash incentives that other states offer for recycling or refilling bottles. There are other, much poorer countries, leading the way with plastic-free, cost effective options for every day grocery items in their local chain grocery stores. Likewise, there are poorer countries quickly abolishing single use plastics, and combining encouragement of public transport recycling with a reward system. Australia is an island! We have much coastline, the great barrier reef and other natural assets to protect, not to mention our pacific neighbours to consider. Our continued use of non-renewable energy is beyond the point where we can claim ignorance; it is arrogance, and it is unforgivable.

Please consider your priorities, and put the air, water and earth we rely on before jobs, votes and wealth.  
From Francesca

-- Francesca Dias

I'm happy for my submission and details to be made public.