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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Recycling and waste management crisis

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The time has come for an investigation into the atrocious mismanagement of waste, not only in Victoria, but in Australia. It is absolutely unacceptable that the Australian government has allowed for the waste system to be completely disregarded and for recycling to be piled up and not correctly disposed of. There are many places across the world where they have turned their refuse into a resource rather than a problem to be disposed of. Scandinavia has led the way in terms of waste management, and it's absolutely shameful that Australia is not taking the lead from other countries on this issue. It is now time for the Australian government to take its citizens concerns seriously, and take immediate and effective action when it comes to waste management. Putting funding towards new facilities to process recycling, and establishing a \$0.10 refund on bottles and cans will be beneficial to the economy and create new jobs. The public have spoken, and we demand that the government does right by us, and the environment. It's time to make effective waste management a priority karma especially with the looming climate election.

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