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Subject: Stop the recycling crisis

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

There isn't a recycling crisis. There is a bad recycling management. Why do we have to send our waste overseas? We can:

- educate people to refuse single use plastic and offer some reusable alternatives
- put legislation in place to ban single use plastic. For example, supermarkets and grocery stores must remove ALL plastic bags and containers. They can offer paper bags or cardboard boxes (the ones they received their products in from the suppliers) to customers who have forgotten their own bags. Other stores (technology, clothing, etc.) should do the same. No more plastic bags to be offered.
- create more recycling plants in Australia. This won't only stop us relying on other Countries to deal with our own waste, but will create much needed jobs here in Australia, keeping the economy going
- make it easy for people to dispose of recyclable items correctly (e.g. clear labelling, more containers with clear instructions, etc.)
- allow customers to bring their own containers to the shop to have meat/fish/deli products/take away meals in them instead of having to get another single use container. When customers decide to bring their own containers, they automatically assume the responsibility of cross contamination and proper food storage.
- introduce the 10c refund on bottles, glass jars and cans in States and Territories that still don't have them

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