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**From:** Priscilla Phelps <web@greens.org.au>  
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**To:** recyclinginquiry  
**Subject:** 10c rebate is a must, encourage composting - paper, councils must be consistent/same

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I don't understand the governments reluctance on the rebate program. It's been working in SA and NT for years, you've seen new systems in qld and nsw, not to mention OS examples... WHY THE WAIT!!!

The rebate would provide Uncontaminated recycling... China might even take it!  
The streets would be cleaner  
And the homeless and enthusiastic would have a small income.

I want to see advertised drop off points for quality recycling... I'm happy to bypass the council system and take all my glass to one place, paper to another.

COMPOSTING must be encouraged! A compost with 50% plus paper (carbon) is ideal, and putting egg boxes, cardboard and other low quality paper in suburban composts would cut the need to deal with this undesirable paper product at point of recycling.

EDUCATE the public with a TV campaign on the better packaging options to choose, ... and how to recycle... (my house mate puts kitty litter in the recycle bin, and I don't know how to tell her nicely).... I'm sure it's the care factor (she has none) and is busy... plus Maslow hierarchy of needs, .... we have made recycling so easy with the co-mingled system, and STILL so many get it wrong.

CONSTANT education is needed, and a state wide (if not Australia wide) consistent approach.... its great Hudson Bay council allows soft plastics in their co-mingled bin- but people don't follow the rules there either (don't put it in loose, put it all in one bag).. and it's one of a minority of councils that do it... so I can't say "never put soft plastics in the commingle bin, take them to coles"

The state can help country councils with funding on this.

State gov can also help business start up ideas... Turning plastics into Diesel, glass into roads, etc etc...

It's not enough to recycle - we must BUY what we recycle, ads on tv that promote buying recycled paper, or plastic decking made from soft plastics.... councils and governments need to take a lead on this by only buying 100% recycled paper for ALL printing in ALL offices. Etc.

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