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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: The Progressive State?

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I think it is disgraceful that the 'supposedly most progressive state' Victoria is not at the forefront of a bottle and can deposit system and a capable recycling system in general.

We travel regularly between South Australia and Victoria, one does not need 'state border signs' to be fully aware of which state you are in. Travel along Victorian roads and the rubbish is an eyesore, travel in South Australia, the roadsides are clean, free from rubbish as are the towns. The difference is stark.

Our property frontage is just over 1 km, we fill a 10ftX 5ft trailer TWICE a year with rubbish collected from our road reserve. Bottles, cans, takeaway containers, plastic cutlery, the list goes on and on. Plastic bags that get caught on our fences or blow into the paddocks.

Surely as a government you should realise that if there was a deposit scheme on bottles and cans the children would collect them to make some pocket money, they may also learn not to throw them out in the first place and hopefully teach their lazy parents to do the same. It all comes back to 'respect' for this state, for this country and government should lead by example.

We vote to elect a government to govern and protect this iconic state for us, we do not vote or elect a multi-national bottling company to govern us.

-- Margaret Waddington

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