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Now is the time to reshape and grow our recycling industry so the materials we collect here can be remade and resold right here in Victoria.

We need to look at our use of disposable plastics, most of which doesn't get recycled and ends up as landfill in our waterways and oceans.

And how about 10c refunds on bottles and cans? Or large-scale composting to divert food waste from landfill? Expanding our management of waste will create more jobs for Victorians and other Australians respectively as we will not be exporting it for someone else to deal with. All waste is a resource and we need to arm our facilities with the right tools and process to recover these resources, and also make it attractive for Australian based brands to buy back these resources and help contribute to the circular economy.

I have been personally affected by the closure of the SKM recovery center in Laverton, which was warned by the EPA about its dangerous fire hazard levels of stockpiling. It reopened a month later, although I never found out how it discarded enough waste to reopen, I assume this waste was taken to nearby landfill. In the month that I refused to put out my recycling my husband and I filled one yellow lid bin. Everything from clean cardboard to aluminum and glass. If these resources could be sorted directly by us separating them and taking them personally in our car to get recycled (ie as you would with cash for cans scheme) then we would have been more than happy to do this. I still get a dud taste in my mouth putting out my yellow bin with the feeling that SKM are not doing anything much once the waste is sorted and bailed. Please take the time to invest in our future. Invest in the resources that will start a circular economy for our waste. Give companies the incentive to buy back packaging that has been recovered and reformed, or at the very least item that have their branding and name on them, so that they themselves can reprocess into items they can reuse.

In my opinion these points above would go a long way in how we can resolve the problems we have. With a growing population, these problems will only get worse for Australia unless the right policies are installed

to encourage the processing and recovery of materials and resources ourselves, in our own centers on Australian soil.

Kind regards. Jolie Boyd.

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