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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Evidence is all around globally that waste has become one of the most important issues to deal with in our time. We are drowning in waste, our animals are drowning in waste.

It breaks my heart that after recycling every product that I can, taking soft plastics to Redcycle to be turned into new products and composting all of our compostable waste that there is a fair possibility of the recycled waste still going to landfill.

More disheartening is that it is basically impossible to buy food and household items without waste. Living in a regional area makes it even harder. Why aren't companies forced to do more to package with products that are biodegradable or more planet friendly? Even after recycling and composting everything that I can at home, my family is still filling a recycling bin up every fortnight and throwing bags of non-recycled away to landfill. Even worse, most of that recycled waste isn't being recycled.

Single-use plastics or even better ALL plastics need to be banned! There are alternatives available.

Other states are using the 10c bottle scheme with huge success, I do not understand why this isn't the norm in Victoria. This MUST be a priority to introduce in Victoria.

Think of the jobs and industry that can be created to sort this issue out. Seems a win/win for our planet and our government who wants to provide opportunities for jobs and industry. Why isn't this government priority?!

-- Tammie Meehan

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