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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I lived in the Netherlands for close to a decade. There are many organic supermarkets over there called 'ecoplaza' plus fresh farmers markets.

It is possible at these supermarkets as well as conventional supermarkets to return a glass bottle or plastic PET bottles to the store including empty beer bottles and receive a voucher for the returns. Even a crate for beer bottles gets a bigger amount of money returned on the voucher. Then it is possible to purchase more provisions from the store where the bottles are being returned with the voucher. This is one point.

Encouraging local farmers markets and BYO material bag or shopping trolley is a way to completely reduce and re use plastic bags, items, etc.

We must start somewhere. Bit by bit.

The huge amount of plastics in the oceans need to be cleaned up urgently by the oil companies. They need to work with people, get the barges out and begin to collect plastics the world over and use the plastic as an energy source. This is an urgent matter where oil companies, governments, environmentalists, conflict resolutionists/mediators, and citizens need to work together to clean up the planet and encourage community sustainability.

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