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Thank you for this inquiry, I believe it is very important that we address the recycling crisis that is currently affecting us all.

As a citizen of Australia, and indeed the planet, I am greatly concerned at the lack of planning that has occurred around recycling in this country.

Even taking climate change out of the argument, I think it is now undeniable the effects that excess rubbish, especially plastics, are having on our wildlife, and our environment.

Currently the favoured method of dealing with recycling is to stockpile it, but to what end?

We urgently need to come up with solutions.

We need to invest in a local recycling industry. This will solve part of the problem.
We need to look into alternative products for recycled materials
(My current favourite is using plastic and glass to build roads-how brilliant!)

However it seems we are creating more waste than we can turn into new products, even if there were proper facilities to do so.

I am advocating for REDUCE and REUSE with RECYCLE coming up third in priority.

I propose that we tax the use of single use plastic like we do alcohol.

I propose that we provide incentives for businesses who provide zero waste options.
Currently it is too expensive to buy many items in bulk. (EG where you take your own containers to refill)

We need mass public education about what the alternatives are.

For example, how many people know they can buy a bamboo toothbrush?

The government needs to invest in hemp, which is faster to grow, and far more sensible than cotton or wood.

There is a very big picture that needs addressing.

And why do I want it addressed?

My future. I am only 46 years old, and the future is looking bleak due to mass consumption destroying the planet.

My daughters future. As an aspiring Doctor, she is now thinking environmental scientist might have been a better path for her to take at University.

Not so much my grandchildren though, as my daughter, as many of her generation, see it as irresponsible to bring children into this world, given that it is hurtling towards environmental catastrophe

Thank you for accepting my submission.

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