

**Caitlin Connally**

---

**From:** Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, 23 April 2019 7:42 PM  
**To:** recyclinginquiry  
**Subject:** New Submission to Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management

Inquiry Name: Inquiry into Recycling and Waste Management

Ms Carolyn Gilpin  
[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

**SUBMISSION CONTENT:**

--

I believe it's time to go back to the old slogan of Reduce Reuse Recycle. I don't think the majority of people realise just how bad the problems are, despite the news about islands of plastic in our oceans, seabirds and turtles starving and choking to death, and the brilliant War on Waste documentaries. I certainly didn't realise we sent our recycling to China, until they announced they weren't accepting any more of our trash! Your average Victorian citizen throws things into recycling bins without checking what can be recycled. They still put plastic bags and other rubbish which can't go into your average council recycling bin. They believe they're doing the right thing by filling that bin, rather than trying to reduce what goes in there. We need a solid campaign to educate people to change their ways – kids think it is normal to buy takeaway food, water, soft drinks, or mini snacks in little plastic packets, then just toss the packaging. They learn from their parents that buying coffee in a waxed cup is normal – 'babycinos'. It's time for a change and I believe the Victorian government can lead this change strongly with a media campaign via television, social media and newspaper advertising.

Thank you,  
Carolyn Gilpin

--

File1:

File2:

File3: