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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I believe that each council should have its own localised recycling facility, if these local hubs can not handle its own waste then apparent that each council needs to work on reducing waste.

I currently try and use the bulk food places to refill old containers, but often this costs up to 10 times more, so there is no incentive and equality for low income earners to participate. The council/government should subsidise and support all waste reducing initiatives, it should be cheaper to refill a container than to buy something new in disposable plastic.

I also run a small business upcycling fabric waste and there are no support grants for micro enterprises, all government grants look at big sweeping measures, while it may take millions of micro efforts to achieve waste reduction.

Perhaps if the cost of living (ie rent) wasn't so high, the community would invest more in environmentally beneficial initiatives. Maybe rent needs to be set by the government not by banks and interest rates.

Ultimately if 6 million Victorians could persuade the likes of Woolies and Coles to change their packaging policy and food service (ie allow customers to use their own containers at the deli) then maybe we'd see a huge shift.

-- Suzan Dlouhy

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