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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

With waste plastic posing grave threats to the environment, especially in oceans and rivers, we need to both collect more plastic, store it more safely, and reuse more of it.

In my work as a volunteer with the Friends of Dandenong Valley Parklands, we regularly find huge deposits of waste plastic film and containers in and beside Dandenong Creek, posing a danger to water birds and fish, stifling native vegetation, and looking unsightly. This litter would be substantially reduced by a 10c refund scheme for plastic and glass drink containers.

As well as introducing this scheme the state government could

- * financially assist businesses which use used plastic to make products such as furniture, street bollards, and signage;
- * financially encourage state departments and local councils to use available products made of recycled plastic e.g. seating, signage, bollards instead of other products made of metal or wood. My own council (Monash) has good looking metal public seating - but these seats are not only expensive but are too cold to sit on in mid winter and too hot in summer.

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