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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Recycling is in crisis in this country, and we have the choice to respond to this to build a viable recycling industry into the future. Issues that need to be addressed are:

- Now is the time to reshape and grow our recycling industry so the materials we collect here can be remade and resold right here in Victoria.
- We need to look at our use of disposable plastics, most of which doesn't get recycled and ends up as landfill in our waterways and oceans.
- Follow South Australia's long time and very successful program and offer how about 10c refunds on bottles and cans.
- Develop large-scale composting to divert food waste from landfill. This is currently happening successfully in some areas, so can clearly be more widespread.

-- Julia Symons

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I wish to remain confidential.