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From: Lisa Magnusson <web@greens.org.au>
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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Victoria needs an appropriate response to the recycling crisis

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I am a concerned Victorian who is confronted by plastic and other waste every time I visit the Yarra river, Merri Creek and our beaches and parks. As one person I try to collect plastic to dispose of correctly but I feel ineffective against government inaction and apathy.

I would like to see dramatic changes to recycling in Victoria. There is an opportunity to use the materials gleaned from recycling to be turned into other products. This will reduce Victoria's carbon footprint, ensure plastic, glass and other materials are diverted from landfill, encourages innovation and development, reduces the risk of death from plastic ingestion and entanglement by birds and animals, prevents plastics entering the environment and thus our food chain.

I would like to see: a container deposit scheme, such as those implemented in other states; a ban on single use plastics to be rolled out by the end of 2019 ie plastic bags of all types, plastic straws/cups/cutlery; investment in a recycling industry that is closed loop and so can assist in removing a majority of virgin materials from production in daily items, banning of polystyrene products.

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