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I want to make a submission as a concerned citizen around the fate of our recycling and other general waste. I believe that our current state of affairs in recycling is dire and shipping waste to Asian countries (or other countries for that matter) is not a viable and/or ethical solution. The \$400 million available in the Sustainability Fund (and further government funding) should be used for things such as:

- More investment into developing a proper recycling system within Australia where waste is managed in-country
- Support research into re-usable packaging for consumer goods
- Community education, particularly at school level, around being smart about our personal waste production and consumer choices
- Reducing the amount of native forests going to paper mills
- Assisting all councils in Australia with the development of door-to-door Green Waste Collection to go with the current rubbish collection - this is possibly the most important from a climate emissions perspective by reducing the amount of methane being produced at landfills. There is so much potential for this in Australia. In the absence of this, funding local councils to have a community green waste collection point.
- In Sweden, over 15 years ago, supermarkets had a scheme to return used plastic bottles i.e. coke and that gave you a discount on your grocery shop. This is a fantastic idea and would help improve re-use of plastic materials.

Thanks very much for your time, I hope that we can move towards a zero waste economy as much as possible in the near future. All we hear about our world is terrible news and it would be awesome to have a good news story coming out of Victoria.

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