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Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 12:41 PM
To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Please fix our recycling in Australia

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to you to ask that you please take recycling in this country seriously. Many people don't even realise that when we put our recycling bins out, unfortunately alot of what we think we're recycling is being stockpiled or ending up in landfill. Australia needs a massive overhaul in recycling.

I try my best to reduce the packaging I use when I consume. Supermarkets make is incredibly difficult and where I can I shop at bulk shops and take my own containers. Unfortunatley some of the things I purchase need recycling, there is no other option such as milk and yoghurt containers, cardboard boxes and papers. Why is this not being recycled? Surely a great recycling system in Australia is a way to grow an industry and create jobs. And why not reintroduce money back on glass recycling?

What we need is more education when it comes to recycling - how to separate stuff and make sure it's clean - Japan are incredible with this.

We need in house recycling in Australia, not relying on other countries to take our junk.

We need to be able to add compostable materials to our green bins for those that don't have gardens and can't compost..

We need crack downs on supermarkets/companies to reduce unnecessary packaging. PLEASE!

We need bans on single use plastic. If it's not available people will learn to get by without it and bring bags/containers/utensils etc from home. With better leadship, people will learn to change their ways.

Don't get me started on single use coffee cups!

We need more education and leadership from government here!!

Thank you,
Tara

-- Tara Reed

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