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**From:** Rebecca Nichols <web@greens.org.au>  
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**To:** recyclinginquiry  
**Subject:** We need a better waste system now!

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

When I learnt that China would no longer take our recycling, I was not surprised. For so long we have had a fake solution to our growing problem of consumption. The one thing this crisis has done is shine a spotlight onto our dirty problem and urge us to come together to come up with a better solution.

Recycling should be a LAST resort. First we should AVOID, reduce, reuse, upcycle and only after that should we recycle to create new products.

Australian business should not be able to continue to make money from virgin materials. That is not sustainable. I want to see:

1. a ban on unnecessary single-use plastics
2. our Government invest in a Victorian recycling industry
3. a container deposit scheme with a 10c refund on bottles and cans

-- Rebecca Nichols

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