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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I am very perturbed by recycling going into landfill. This need not happen when there are sensible solutions that can be implemented by governments concerned about our environment. Here are my solutions:

- 1 Set up a deposit scheme on glass, other containers and recyclable plastics. It works elsewhere but WHY IS OUR GOVERNMENT SO RELUCTANT????
2. Ban the use of single use plastics and faze out use of plastics altogether in our food industry as a start 3. Invest in recycling at a state wide level. Provide incentives to companies to buy bigger and better machines that are able to recycle ALL materials. THESE MACHINES EXIST.
4. Run an education program telling people about recycling and how it works. Most people don't have a clue!!
5. Invest in councils so that they can collect compostable materials and look at ways that this compost can be used.
6. Invest in materials that are made from recycling materials at a state and local level - benches, roads, cement so that the industry can thrive and our recycling materials put to good use.
7. When awarding contracts give priority to those that use materials made from recycled matter even if they are more expensive. The prices will come down if more of these products are purchased.
8. Have a Minister for Waste and Recycling under the Environment portfolio. It is crucial that this matter is given priority.
9. Use recycled materials to produce electricity. It is being done overseas so why not here??? There is no reason whatsoever for any materials that can be recycled to go in to landfill. This will save millions of \$\$\$ in the long run and save having to dig huge holes for landfill.
10. Give grants to community groups that are already involved in cleaning up our beaches and waterways and parks and gardens.

Thanks for the opportunity to do this submission. I am passionate about recycling and saving our precious planet.

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-- Helen Hoffman

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