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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Crisis in recycling

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

For most of this year we have not had a recycling collection in Cardinia because of the closure of our usual recipient depot once China refused to take a lot of our recyclable goods because Australians were too lazy to recycle properly. We carefully wash and separate our recyclables and will not have them collected to go to landfill as we believe this is a wasted resource and an immoral action. We have therefore stockpiled all our recyclable waste in large bags and have just been notified by the council that they will commence collection again shortly. We have an obligation to reduce our use of packaging materials, to reuse as much as possible and most certainly not send items which can be reused in a recycled form to landfill. Victoria needs to establish a recycling industry (a new source of jobs) and I understand many recycled materials can be successfully used in road making - something Victoria needs plenty of. We need to reduce our use of unnecessary plastic wrapping and establish a refund system for cans and bottles to encourage their collection for reuse. We only have one planet and we must learn to care for it, not continue with lazy practices which result in accumulating debris and expect other generations to bear the consequences .

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