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Sent: Friday, 3 May 2019 9:10 PM
To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Sometimes It's Better To Live In The Past!

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Human obsession with the future and the advancements still to come are not in my opinion, entirely real. In fact the more I see and hear of the "Next Best Thing" the more I shake my head in disbelief. Right under my nose is the difficulty in seeing the cursor on pale green background with my defective eyesight! It is going to take me twice as long so I shall be brief.

In the past we had a bottle collection service and it is entirely scurrilous that we do not now. NOt only do we need to recycle glass with a deposit scheme but we need to do the same with plastic containers. Give them a value and we will value them.

We also need to look back to the past in the way we dispose of our rubbish, not only by recycling it but by banning the production and importing of much of it.

Historically we did not have it to use so we do not need to use it now.

Stores may no longer trust customers as in the past, to declare all they walk out of the shop with but stores can be organised differently, employing more people to dispense items and provide advice if needed. This may sound impractical but if you include the cost of billions of dollars in undoing extreme environmental damage then it is very, very cheap!

If Australia takes a lead in putting a pollution TAX on imports we may start a trend in reversing pollution to levels where every country can compete for credits around the world with rewards to follow.

No rewards for my pie in the sky ideas though.

Sincerely Olive.

-- Olive Archibald

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