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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Fouling our own nest

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Discarded stuff is not just the saddest thing, now it's become frightening and dangerous.

Since this is not a problem we can solve individually we need government to take it on. I'd like to see the state government lead the way.

I'd be in favour of collecting the most effective examples of zero waste from overseas. I'd favour :

Asking companies who import or produce to suggest next destination of their products after first use. Seeking their contribution towards follow up.

Involving customers, citizens in working towards solutions to problems of waste for their own communities, generated by their purchases and their workplaces.

Collecting separated rubbish from residences as is done overseas, or from depositories in local streets.

Advertising campaigns to educate the public about the crisis, its causes and solutions.

Prosecution of producers of the most common and identifiable rubbish on our beaches, and in our waterways.

More discussion about the relative weight given to different purposes, needs. Eg. Does medicine really have carte blanche to use and discard after a few seconds of use, whatever materials it deems necessary to treat people or animals? And there are many other throwaway industries where the question should be asked.

Offer prizes for best ideas or best inventions to replace throwaways and re-use rubbish.

Subsidise industries that separate and re purpose all sorts of waste from appliances to cars We can start with low hanging fruit such as single use plastics, and container deposit schemes. Then congratulate ourselves and really start to identify ourselves as zero waste communities.

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