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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Firstly congratulations to the children of the world for taking positive action particularly on May 3. Their voices were heard and now its up to us to make the necessary and critical changes before 2030 My husband and I are regular walkers and take bags with us to pick up cans, plastic bottles, soft plastics and single use plastic straws. These are our focus as individuals.

1. 10c Deposit scheme for recycling of glass bottles and cans. Why are we so far behind the other states. What are our industry leaders doing to make positive steps to support and encourage enterprises to take on the challenge of reusing recycling for new products.

2. Single plastic bags sold for 10 or 15 cents.

BAN THEM. i HAVE 9 LARGE BAGS of single use plastic for recycling through the Woolworths program. Much of this are the 10c bags, tossed out on the street and picked up by us. ALL retail outlets have had plenty of time to stop providing plastic and change to paper. Legislate it. If poorer countries can implement this and make it law, with huge fines attached and imprisonment to offenders, **WHY ARE WE LAGGING BEHIND?**

3. Single use plastic straws. This needs to be stopped immediately. On one walk of our local area we collected 59 straws. Most of these are related to frozen ice drinks. What is being done by these companies to come up will an alternate? **BAN THEM IMMEDIATELY.** If people don't want to drink directly from the container, they need to have a reusable cup with them. It's simple.

4. Provide recycling bins in streets, train stations etc like they do in europe. Take away our large recycling bins and provide smaller bins for plastic. **AND fine people for non compliance.** Hit their hip pocket to wake them up.

If a 16 year old girl can stand up and speak with passion and tears to the EU Parliament, if a young man in India can clean up a beach and bring back the turtles to nest and hatch there, why can we as a Country not get sustainable actions made law. Melbourne has already lost its most livable city status. Take a look around the roadways at the rubbish that is not being collected by the councils or vicroads, it is a disgrace.

Please, as our representatives, get the recycling epidemic sorted, before its too late

-- Julie Mayer

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