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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I believe swift action needs to prevent the amount of waste going to landfill and our oceans. This includes micro beads and fibres that enter our waterways through our waste water. I am a careful recycler and buy 2nd hand whenever I can to reduce waste. The future of fauna and flora depend on it. I want my descendants to enjoy Earth's natural beauty. Government needs to create laws to minimise waste and to assist making true recycling more viable e. g. Standardising bottle designs to allow easier cleaning and reuse rather than just crushing to make road base. Stop plastic bottles and work out ways to reduce plastic based clothing that has a short usable life but long term environmental effects after it is thrown away. We need more options to purchase biodegradable materials or laws to prevent the massive amounts of single and short term use plastic especially in packaging. I am happy to sort my waste even more than what is expected now to decrease costs for the recycling industry. Government needs to prioritise funding to create ways to reuse the waste here in Australia. I imagine a future where local communities grow food and family can come and assist or just eat meals together with others near where the food is grown so that transport, refrigeration and packaging is absolutely minimalised and community interaction is encouraged which also encourages wellbeing, mental health and connectedness such as physical health benefits as well. We need to act now. Ocean experts already say the damage to our ocean is irreversible. Our lifestyles need to change and we need education and leadership that will inspire this change for the long term. I will be choosing who I vote for with these things in mind and I believe Australians can be inspired to make choices that will make Australia a destination for natural beauty and a healthy happy life for all its creatures.

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