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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The processing of waste in Victoria and the whole of Australia has been a concern to me for many years. I have always wondered where our waste actually goes, and now with the recent media coverage on the waste crisis I have discovered how deplorable our waste system really is!

Over the years I have become more aware of how to reduce the amount of waste I produce and I put a lot of effort into recycling and avoiding products which produce too much waste. It has been a very confusing and frustrating journey, as there is often no guidance from councils and a lot of conflicting information.

A country like Australia should be able to deal with their own waste effectively instead of sending it overseas for someone else to deal with. It would be idiotic not to invest in a Victorian recycling industry, especially considering Victoria's progressive nature. I am concerned about the future of our environment and what we leave for the next generations if something is not done to rectify this situation.

Simple solutions like bringing in a 10c refund on bottles and cans, as well as banning unnecessary packaging would be a good start. But ultimately, investing in a recycling industry is what is really needed!

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