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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I am part of my local Boomerang Bag group in Baw Baw, we make carry bags from recycled fabric that were previously bed sheets or curtains etc. I am shocked at how many people still use single use plastic bags. If single use plastic bags are banned then people just have to change their habits that's all and soon it will become normal to carry a bag around in your hand bag or attach to your front door handle so you never forget it. I also carry metal straws in my handbag. My son is really good at ordering his drink and also ordering no straw.

Teach children in schools on all things environmental, eg. how to refuse, reduce, reuse, recycle, rot. They are so willing to make a difference and they understand the consequences for their planet in the future, unlike so many adults who just don't seem to think there is a problem.

If everyone had to deal with their own waste and not just place it in a bin (and it magically disappears, out of sight out of mind) everyone would start to really think twice about their purchases and the packaging it's in.

I hope we get the container deposit scheme in Victoria, I don't understand why we don't have it, it is just insane not to.

-- Paula Gowans

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