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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I am writing in relation to the recycle crisis that our country now faces.

There are so many options to resolve these issues, the only setback being Government bodies who don't take immediate action.

Totally abolish single use plastic; replace all plastic bags with paper options, plastic utensils with bamboo. Plastics bottles etc; Combined with fibre wood these make great alternative options to solid timber.

Glass bottles; why can't these be collected, sterilised and reused if in undamaged condition? Many Asian countries do this without incident. Broken items to be reused or integrated into concrete floor slabs as decoration.

Food waste; small workshops run by local council to show community members how to compost their food items and also provide compost bins at discount prices or alternatively council food compost bins which could be collected by council to compost.

There are many countries who have incredible recycle facilities making new products which our governing bodies need to refer to as guidance and follow.

We cannot as a society continue to bury our heads in the sand, like we are trying to bury our waste problems.

Initiating a world class recycling system will not only resolve a majority of our problems but create work for so many people. We need government to step up and stop subsidising the coal industry and start subsidising our future.

-- Melanie Nemer

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