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**From:** Vaiya Fermanis <web@greens.org.au>  
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**Subject:** Something needs to change

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The ongoing recycling crisis in Australia has impacted me in that I have had many conversations with friends and family who are confused about whether or not their efforts to recycling within their homes and workplaces are even worth the effort. There seems to be a general community feeling of 'what's the point?' Something has to change. Community needs to feel as though government is making big brave decisions to support their efforts to be more accountable for their waste. We need a system that provides financial incentives for big business and household waste reduction together w awareness campaigns. We also need a closed loop recycling system that rewards business and households to take responsibility for the waste sorting and recycling. There are many examples overseas and within Australia that could be influential. The solutions are so simple. A container deposit scheme is absolutely essential and big business needs to be on board! They need incentives to improve and/or financial tax for the waste they produce.

Thank you

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