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Sent: Monday, 6 May 2019 7:45 PM
To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Mr

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The amount of discarded "rubbish" my wife and I pick up in our local (BJ Hubbard) reserve and in our neighbourhood streets is frightening. Much of it is recyclable. Plastic drink bottles and cans, plastic bags, mentos wrappers, 7/11 slurpee containers, straws, single-use coffee cups, McDonalds take-away containers, polystyrene packaging (especially around building sites) etc etc. Even when stuff is properly recycled, our recycling system is in such disarray that much of it is being stockpiled or sent to landfill.

We need to protect our environment by making manufacturers and retailers conform to much stricter environmental regulations. We also need to invest in a Victorian recycling industry, establish a 10c deposit scheme refund on bottles and cans (this should have been done decades ago), ban single-use plastics, and review our use and disposal regulations of polystyrene packaging.

-- Robert Briggs

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