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It is totally unacceptable that stockpiles of materials from council recycling programs can not be recycled, because we don't have an industry to accomplish this. The Victorian Government has \$500 million sitting in a Sustainability Fund, which can be used to fix this waste crisis.

With the Sustainability Fund, the Victorian Government can build a recycling industry that will create new jobs and opportunities, and make Victoria a leader in Australia for recycling. Product packaging in Victoria should also be required to include recycled content, to make the massive amount of packaging used in modern marketing more sustainable.

A Container Deposit Scheme needs to be introduced, so that Victorians can receive a refund on bottles and cans. This is the most efficient way to recycle bottles and cans, and ensures that they do not end up in landfill.

Unnecessary plastics, like single use plastic bags, must be banned. Our oceans and landfill are full of them; and they pose a serious threat to marine life when ingested. Microbeads and other microplastics, that also hurt marine life, must also be banned.

Our civilisation is extravagant in its use of resources. We must recycle as much as we can, to protect the beautiful planet that we live on. The days of treating it as a dumping ground are over.