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Subject: Trying to do my best

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I am writing as someone quite concerned about the lack of momentum regarding the recycling crisis we are currently experiencing. While I have been recycling for a number of years, I have in the last year become more aware and engaged on the issue.

I live in Golden Plains, where we have recycling bins weekly and rubbish bins fortnightly, which suits me quite well. We do not have green bins, which is fine for me as I have enough space to compost my green waste. In addition, we drop off our soft plastics outside the local grocery store for recycling. In addition, I do what I can to reduce my use of single-use packaging, including buying as much as I can from a bulk food shop in Geelong.

I put in a lot of effort to keep all of this going, and it is incredibly frustrating to know that through a variety of failures at multiple levels we do not have a system in place to ensure that the efforts that people like me make are actually effective in reducing waste and landfill. I think any of us paying attention expect action at all levels of government to work with private industry and other stakeholders to find a solution. We have the knowledge and resources to get this done in Australia but need finger pointing and unnecessary barriers to progress to be pushed aside to help protect our environment.

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