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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

My immediate circle and myself are finding it difficult to find place for single use plastics, we try to take them to recycling ports but even then we know they're being melted down (releasing toxins and pollution into the air) in the process of being recycled. It would be fantastic to have more 'bulk food's services and communities to be encouraged to support business that supply this service (in an accessible affordable manner for the community to be involved).

Time and time again.. In fact every time we take a gander down our hidden creeks and beaches we see cans and bottles people have carelessly tossed away.. Yes the ten cents refund will definitely help but so will education! No snowflake in an avalanche feels responsible unless we educate everyone to work as a collective, as a community. Not a sum of individuals shrugging and tossing, professing it's entirely beyond them!

We definitely need to get our groove on with backed up government support towards the recycling industry, old can be made shiny, modern and new again at a lower cost, it just takes marketing and exposure to bring it to the stage for the public.

As for bottles and cans, was glass better? There's something about melting plastic down as well as tossing it on to the land of course that makes me wonder why we even need to be making bottles? Can't people bring their own or companies make a non plastic packaging? Maybe it's a few too many steps ahead but so are we with our climate collapsing.

Having lived close to the city I'm also noticing more waste wise initiatives promoted around those areas. I'm seeing a gap in education from those that live close to the city and those that live on the further reaches of the Mernda line.. There's more condensed marketing for this stuff closer to the city creating these 'isolated hubs' for environmentally friendly living and little to no initiatives in the more distanced suburbs from the cbd. Everyone can make a start they just need to be given the voice, resources and communal drive. Same goes for business, way too many hospitality places throwing recyclables in rubbish bin, makes me wonder if they have been given the resources to actually recycle their stock packaging, option is key.

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I wish to remain confidential.