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While I understand that there are many issues facing Recycling and Waste management I would like to focus on three particular issues only at this point.

The first is the issue of food waste. Food waste is a natural resource that is heavily responsible for causing all the of the major issues in landfills. Producing methane as it breaks down is an issue that can be avoided. When it is removed from the landfill we can utilise it as the precious resource that it is. It can be processed in FOGO plants and used to improve soil which has been stripped of its nutrients by inadequate farming practices. All food waste should be removed from the waste stream that currently goes into landfill and turned into fertile compost and reused.

The second issue that concerns me is Energy from Waste plant proposals. In Australian we do not have the adequate testing facilities to test for furans and dioxins that will be produced in the fly ash from incineration projects. If we are going to be producing these toxins, we need to be well aware of what levels of contamination we are creating so that we can manage potential contamination pathways. We have not created satisfactory prescribed industrial waste landfills because they do not include the incredibly expensive testing systems that would be required.

The government can not be seen to be taking EfW projects and the environment seriously without adequate testing.

The final issue is a container deposit scheme and cash a can type programs. As the mother of three small boys, I am well aware that they would be diligently collecting every bottle they could find if they saw it as a revenue stream, albeit a small one. The amount of plastic bottles that make it into our waterways after being discarded and then washed away in heavy rain events, it unacceptable and a CDS would be one of the ways we could begins to address this contamination, by plastic, of our rivers and oceans.

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