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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Available recycling bins

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Living in an apartment, where a green bin is hard if not impossible to use, recycling is even more important to me. But this is hindered by a number of things that a small change could really make a big difference.

1, number of recycling bins ratio to apartments needs to increase! Our 16 apartments have 4 recycling bins and 8 landfill bins.

2, collecting schedule needs to increase! Our 4 recycling bins are full after 5 days, but only emptied every fortnight. Meaning that people throw their recycling in the waste bin most of the time.

And this discourage recycling in the first place!!

3, education, education and more education. Assign a marketing team to come up with some simple slogans, advertise, Do kid shows where recycling is taught as normal and expected, Put stickers on recycling bins with the most common errors etc

4 make recycling pick ups come every week, but normal waste bins every fortnight

5 Look at what other countries are doing! Sweden needs to import rubbish to fuel the powerplants as they recycle everything so efficient, and the dont produce enough waste to burn (not land fill)

6 create power plants that burn waste and use the heat as power while cleaning the air.

And ofcourse, when all that effort has gone in to making all recycling end up in the right bin, it needs to be taken care of in the right way. When people don't believe in the full recycling chain, bad things start to happen. And that wrong mindset can take a long time to rub off.

Act now!!!

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