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Subject: Solutions urgently needed for the recycling and waste management system crisis

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The government urgently needs to find solutions to the recycling and waste management system crisis. For too long, the government has neglected this issue.

I believe the following, at the very least, need to be prioritised:

- invest in the recycling industry in Victoria
- establish a 10c refund on bottles and cans
- ban unnecessary single use plastics
- strengthen regulations around storage and disposal of hazardous waste materials.

We walk our dogs daily around local parks, streets and along the Merri Creek, and we pick up litter as we go - and there is always a lot. So much of this litter is bottles, cans and single use plastics. This litter - if not picked up by people like us - will end up in the ocean, killing our marine life and causing other issues.

We also live near Campbellfield, where too often there have been fires at factories where hazardous waste was being stored. Apart from the fires injuring workers and causing great disruption to the surrounding areas, they also caused air pollution which was incredibly dangerous to the surrounding communities.

It's time the government took real action in regards to the issues raised above.

Regards,

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