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**To:** recyclinginquiry  
**Subject:** Recycling Crisis

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Victoria urgently needs a plan to reduce and recycle waste. Sending recycling overseas or to landfill is not sustainable. It is wasteful and damaging. I am urging our state government to put the best interests of the people and the planet on the agenda urgently.

I believe recycling systems need to be set up and run in Victoria. This will create many jobs and new possibilities for business.

The public needs to be educated about waste and taught how to cut down on plastic use. Single use plastic need to be quickly phased out. This can be done by providing subsidies for bulk purchasing with an emphasis on local produce. People need to be inspired to buy plastic free with a media campaign and viable options for obtaining waste free food provided. Straws, all plastic bags, coffee cups, water bottles and plastic cutlery should be immediately banned.

Companies should be given incentives to go waste free.

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