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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Time to take responsibility for waste

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Committee members,

I am deeply concerned with Australia's current approach to waste management, particularly recycling which I understand due to a lack of local processing facilities is currently resulting in large amounts of recyclable materials going to landfill. If this is true, we are neglecting a basic environmental responsibility to the planet and future generations, and for a developed and educated country to be missing the mark so greatly brings me a lot of shame as an Australian.

In 2016 I spent 6 months living in Hamburg, Germany where I experienced first hand the benefits of a well-run waste management system which utilises a container refund scheme to incentivise recycling and properly educates the population on how and why to recycle. We could learn a lot looking at the way the Germans approach this problem.

I am also in full support all of the Municipal Association of Victoria's recommended actions and urge the government to:

- Invest in recycling infrastructure
- Fund and support market development
- Introduce a container deposit scheme
- Bolster community education
- Strengthen industry oversight / regulation

Please take action on this matter and start treating our environment and future generation ability to thrive with the respect that it deserves.

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