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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

I submit that Victoria needs to utilise the opportunities to see waste recovery and use as an opportunity, from food waste composting to reducing our waste minerals and recycling and reselling what we cannot eliminate.

Victoria should look into recycling construction waste, and a planned phaseout of single-use plastics. We need to support companies like Redcycle to recycle soft plastics, and scale up our collection of that waste.

We also have an opportunity to scale up research into heavy metal and industrial waste recycling.

It is essential for Victoria's future that we take this seriously, and the opportunities for new industrial patents on low-emission tech, as well as processes for recycling could be huge.

If we have in-state facilities, we also reduce our reliance on the vagueries of international trade and politics.

-- Tom Davis

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