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**From:** Kitty Walker <web@greens.org.au>  
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**To:** recyclinginquiry  
**Subject:** Please fix Victoria's recycling industry

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

We live in the Borough of Queenscliffe on the Bellarine Peninsula. We're a family of four and we're very conscious of our environmental footprint: saving, cleaning and recycling soft plastics; growing as much fruit and vegetables as we can; composting; shopping locally from markets and whole food stores/using our own containers... but we still generate waste, which predominantly ends up in the yellow recycling bin.

A month or so ago, Queenscliffe Council quietly admitted that recycling would be sent to landfill due to the EPA restrictions. This lasted a week or two and then the restrictions were lifted.

But this hasn't solved the problem that our recycling is still just sitting, accumulating.

My daughter is 7, my son 4. The eldest was distraught when she learned that recycling was going to end up in the earth. She asked her teacher if her Year 2 class could focus on the issue and "invent" a solution.

We need a drastic overhaul of the entire industry, but also a MASSIVE educational campaign to make sure that people know how to actually recycle AND stop creating so much waste!

Please, show some leadership and there is no doubt that the community will back drastic change. We're all scared for our children's future.

-- Kitty Walker

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