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"We're in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone's arguing over where they're going to sit."

- David Suzuki

We need to act immediately to responsibly deal with the monumental amounts of waste produced and currently stockpiled, disposed of into landfill or incinerated in our beautiful state of Victoria.

I feel we could make good use of the fund if the following actions could be adopted:

Container Deposit Scheme. This is crucial and I do not understand why Victoria is so behind on this issue- it's a no brainer! Cleaning, sorting capabilities need to be expanded.

Plastic Bags Ban all plastic carry bags from all retailers. Thick plastic carry bags have simply taken over from the banned thinner bags. Thick recycled paper bags, fabric or cardboard boxes should be an option for those shoppers who have forgotten their reusable bags.

Plastic Wrapping Ban supermarkets from selling fruit and vegetables wrapped in plastic-especially single items. Paper bags made from recycled material to be provided instead of thin plastic bags currently in use. True bio degradable bags are a furphy- fully compostable bags could be an option as an alternative.

Education Many people are unaware of where their rubbish goes and how it should be dealt with.

Support Business Business needs to be supported to revolutionise reusable packaging (refillable bottles, recycled cardboard packaging, eco friendly alternatives to bubble wrap)

Incineration Totally unacceptable and should never be an option.

Community Groups Support Councils, hospitality, hospitals, schools and community groups to compost and better manage food waste. Schools can be encouraged to reduce waste Look at WOW scheme in South Australia <http://www.wow.sa.gov.au/>

Residential Food Waste All councils to adopt scheme to deal with food waste separate from green waste.

Recycling Businesses More encouragement for businesses like TerraCycle

This is the first time I have made a submission, but felt compelled to do so due to the very serious consequences if we fail to act now to take care of our natural world.

It would be great for Victoria to take the lead to ensure we can hand over a healthier environment for future generations.