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Good morning,

I am opposed to incinerating rubbish as a way to minimise Victoria's waste and am highly encouraging Victoria to ban single use plastics and create a container deposit scheme. We all know its terrible for the environment and human health and it is not the answer! Victoria is desperately waiting for a composting and a container deposit scheme to support food waste and recycling. Victoria needs to be serious about environmental sustainability and young Australia's are no longer standing for the broken systems that we have now!

Community groups and councils will benefit from a container deposit scheme, creating local jobs to better manage our recyclables. With this being said, it will be beneficial if waste is reduce all together! NSW EPA estimated around 75% of light weight plastics come from supermarkets and there is no denying that plastic is harming our environment like never before. We must ban single use plastic now. We cant wait until 2025 or 2030 and we cant let innocent lives be lost because humans need their bananas protected by a single use grocery bag. As far as I can see Australia is far behind on the sustainable front, without a sturdy federal climate plan we, as a country (who CAN make a difference) are being left in the dust by the UK calling a climate change EMERGENCY! It may not be scary for retirees or parliament leaders but its terrifying for young children and adults who still have their whole lives to live! Victoria must catch up to the rest of Australia and to the rest of the world, because if we want to grow economically and socially in line with the rest of the globe, we need to grow sustainably.

I am a 20 year old university student, I don't know everything but I do know that if we don't start making big changes NOW we are staring down a deep, dark, dried up well, full of plastic!

Thankyou for your time and I hope that you consider just how serious this plastic problem is, if not for your children.

Kind regards,

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