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RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

this is a great opportunity to shake up the waste disposal system in Victoria.

Some ideas could include...

buying back some less fertile land, composting organic materials at that site and re planting forest and native bush.

Setting up a gasification plant to convert non recyclable plastics into fuel. This could be sited in an area with lots of sun and a near by solar plant to run it. Perhaps just Over the boarder into the NT, will boost their struggling economy also.

Strongly encourage people to reuse containers at supermarkets and shops. Have penalties for not doing this.

Bins have very ambiguous labels. It is hardly ever clear what you can put in what bin. Which plastic numbers are recyclable? It should be common knowledge that recycleable items should be clean. Education re how the waste is sorted, do they want it all bulked together of one type? How small an item can be recycled?

When recycling is failing significantly like now, they should say what is recyclable, then people can put stuff that isn't currently recyclable into the waste rather than the recycle. Will make rubbish sorting easier.

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