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From: Helen Schofield <web@greens.org.au>
Sent: Thursday, 18 April 2019 3:24 PM
To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Pushing For Improvements in recycling in Victoria

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

Dear politicians,
I was very distressed to read several recent newspaper articles:

1. a number of councils including ours here in Geelong are now sending the contents of our recycling bins to landfill,
2. contractyed recyclers have stockpiled so much recyclable material of various kinds that we have toxic fires in these stockpiles, and yet the stockpiles elsewhere continue growing because overseas countries don't want to process our 'waste'.

It is really important that we have companies set up to recycle as much as possible of our own recyclable waste - perhaps they need some financial incentive to get started.

Also, it is really about time that the Victorian government legislated for a container deposit scheme ASAP. We are lagging behind some of the other Australian states with this. And I am tired of finding so many containers (glass and aluminum and plastic bottles) thrown into the bush or smashed on city streets and footpaths.

Please show you are serious about recycling in our state and encourage business setups to cope with our own issues, rather than having our so-called waste sent elsewhere or buried in landfill.
Please!

-- Helen Schofield

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