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**Subject:** WASTE AND RECYCLING

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Government should avoid being totally fixated on what to do about the mountains of waste we already have - stockpiled and catching fire.

We need to also tackle this problem at its source - by reducing the amount of stuff that goes, inadequately sorted, into bins.

Container deposit legislation has been staring Government in the face as an utter no-brainer for over a decade, but we still do not have it. And the gratuitous production and use of single-use plastic packaging should be cracked down upon - hard.

As regards the accumulated waste we already have, there seem to be plenty of people who can see ways to turn this problem into an opportunity. Re-use of materials should be a high priority. Even if it costs more than making things from raw stock, it should be assessed having regard to the ancillary benefits and subsidised as required (or not) accordingly.

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