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Subject: Act now!

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

It is so important to create change in the waste and recycling industry as soon as possible. Our planet's health and the liveability of our country depends on it.

We can no longer rely on other countries to deal with our waste. We have the technology to have our own efficient recycling and waste processing facilities. Not only that, it would bring an industry back to our shores, creating more jobs. We should be taking a leaf out of the book of countries who can successfully process their own waste.

I am tired of seeing rubbish strewn around streets, of bins overflowing, of people not knowing or caring how to sort their rubbish responsibly- there are many facets of an overhaul that need attention. Some simple starting points would be banning all single use plastics, making it mandatory for local councils to collect food scraps, and reintroducing a 10c deposit scheme for cans. A statewide education plan would also help. Come on Victoria, it's time to step up to the mark.

-- Ruth Varenica

I wish to remain confidential.