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To: recyclinginquiry
Subject: Something must change

RE: INQUIRY INTO RECYCLING AND WASTE MANAGEMENT

To whom it may concern,

I have been extremely disappointed with Victoria and Australia's efforts to rectify some semblance of a recycling system since China stopped taking our waste. Regular Australians have completely given up on any trust of the recycling systems and there has been no public outreach from politicians to reassure us that something is actually being done to fix it. I'm this time of climate change, in 2019 it is much too late to be having the discussion of "What can we do with our recycling?" but here we are, and it disgusts me.

We absolutely **MUST** attend to this issue immediately. To fix it now here are some pointers:
We can stop recycling going to landfill and protect our planet for future generations by:

Investing in a Victorian recycling industry

Establishing a 10c refund on bottles and cans

Banning unnecessary single-use plastics

There is so much unnecessary plastics that are given away, even when you as a consumer say no or show your cloth bag, attendants at stores still look at you like you're from outer space! There is still little awareness in parts of the community about what this needless plastic over usage does to the environment. We need a new recycling system, we need strong and decisive leadership on the matter and we are in desperate need of a widespread advertising campaign, not just metro, in regional and rural areas as well. We need a new system and absolutely everybody needs to hear about it on the tv, on the radio and in the news.

Please hurry with new plans of what to do. It doesn't matter if it's expensive, if we do it right people will respect the need and the decision making; so make some smart, environmentally friendly decisions. It's about time!

-- Julia Lewis

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