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### **Australia should have a national container deposit scheme**

There needs to be extended producer responsibility where retailers and manufacturers are accountable for the waste created from the products they sell

I would love to see the removal of drinks manufactured and sold in all plastic.

Move back to glass, aluminum cans or cardboard that can be recycled.

Electronics sold with a 5 - 10 year guarantee, manufacturers to provide the outlets to repair the items.

They need to be designed for repair, rather than planned obsolescence (ie. Designed not to last)

Balloon releases ought to be banned. They are guaranteed pollution, becoming litter in waterways, oceans and land

Ought to be a ban on glow sticks

In the years to come I would love to see a move from all plastic used to package food. Find a more sustainable packaging that is better for the environment long term. Put the packing laws into place via the government to push the change. There is some packaging around made from Cellulose, bamboo and I believe seaweed that all would be much better in the long term and reduce our landfill.

All Plastic bags ought to be banned. A solid move to natural materials only of cotton, hemp and hessian etc. bags that can be composted down at the end of their life with no harm done to the environment and no land fill.

Councils to pick up food waste as a separate collection for composting so this can be used on the local parks and gardens as fertilizer and soil to reduce landfill.

Recycling to be further split at the home level with better education as to what can and can't be recycled, to help with sorting so our recycling is more streamlined and effective, Less contaminated recycling issues. ie. Glass/ plastics&aluminum&tins/ cardboard&paper  
The masses Need to be involved and educated to make this more effective and easier.

In Japan they have an amazing system, The same in Sweden. I would like to see us use them as a role model

I would love to see bulk food stores encouraged with some Small subsidies To the customers for a couple of years which encourages people to shop package free items which in turn reduces landfill and reduces our impact on the landfill requirements.

My interest in this waste review is...

- because of Australia's increasing demand for more landfill Due to population growth and immigration
- that there is too much unnecessary waste from single-use items
- I am a conscious consumer and want to live a more sustainable lifestyle with less waste. I already try and avoid as much packaging as possible but with serious allergies it's difficult to avoid on some of the products I require.
- I want my 3 children (17, 15, 12) to experience Australia and it's beauty the way I did in my youth.
- The children deserve to be given a country that has tried to do its best for the environment in waste management and trying to reduce our use and reliance on plastics for packaging.
- Plastic is unsustainable for our environment and waste management.
- Australia is blessed with some of the most beautiful and pristine Bush, water ways and beaches. Let's try and keep it that way by reducing the landfill at a manufacturing

level. Not leaving it to consumers

### **My concerns to you or any initiatives that should be considered**

- Focus on materials to transition to a circular economy, glass and aluminum
- Removal of all plastic bags used or sold, only natural materials.
- Packaging should only be allowable if there is a facility in Australia to recycle it.
- A move to reduce or remove plastic packaging and focus on sustainable alternatives
- Polystyrene packaging should be banned as should all
- Single use plastic take away containers, and plastic bottles.
- Takeaway packaging should be compostable
- Products should only be labelled as recyclable, if they can be recycled by everyone in Australia / Target of 100% recycling of packaging – not lip service with recyclable claims / accessible recycling for all Australians
- The government should not allow private enterprise to lock local councils (i.e. the community) into contracts to guarantee them a supply of waste for feedstock, in any waste to energy facilities that incinerate or gasify waste. This will potentially detract from efforts to appropriately divert organics, recyclables and initiatives to reduce waste.
- Have a greater emphasis on diverting all organic and recyclable materials from landfill waste (This will reduce landfill by more than half) composting by local councils
- Products need to be designed for repair / no more planned obsolescence / parts & instruction available for repair with repair centers accessible around the country. (some companies might need to share repair centers)
- National container deposit scheme
- All business to have a recycling service – hospitality / take away to make this available to the public – their customers
- Support of refillable bottling & packaging schemes
- Public awareness and transparency – the public want to know what happens to waste that they dispose of

regards  
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