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My interest in this waste review is based on the fact that I am a conscious consumer and want to live a more sustainable lifestyle with less waste.

In my view, products need to be designed for repair, rather than planned obsolescence (ie. Designed not to last)

My main focus items are:

- 1) Compost should include fruit and vegetable scraps to prevent these going to landfill
- 2) Households should be charged based on the landfill and garbage they produce – there should be a minimum allowance and over = cost to consumer.
- 3) Single use plastic should be banned – no exceptions!
- 4) Polystyrene packaging should be banned

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

5) 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.

- 6) Support of refillable bottling & packaging schemes
- 7) Transparency of where the waste goes, how it is processed etc
- 8) Small wrapped goods such as 'share packs' should be banned!

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