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Dear

Overleaf information on garbage bin inserts suited to "volume based" charging system for garbage collection.

A waste minimisation system has been used in Seattle since 1981 with great success.

Simply, the community member who buys refillable containers, bulk buys, takes own shopping bag, buys minimally packed goods, composts all organic materials and recycles as many different components of the household waste stream as possible, would pay less in garbage collection charges.

A household that generates the least garbage and consumes the least, such as a single person or an elderly couple, would pay the least.

Under such a "user pays" system, those households that purchase products packaged in wasteful, single use containers, overpackaged goods, don't compost organic materials and don't bother to recycle materials that can be recycled, would pay more in garbage collect charges.

It is thought a 1% reduction in consumption is equivalent to a 25% recycling rate.

"Volume based" charging will minimise waste and will minimise the amount of valuable materials that are dumped in land fills.

If we continue to dump recyclables in landfills, no doubt future generations will pay waste managers to dig them up again, when it will no doubt be called "resource recovery". Double handling is a very questionable method of minimising our use of valuable resources.

Information overleaf also includes data on packaging types and materials used. In Australia, thousands of people with reduced abilities such as those working at Kingfisher Centre, could be occupied in the labour intensive operations of sorting and processing refillable bottles and reusable cardboard cartons.

Yours sincerely,

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