**Subject:** comment on packaging reform

Hello, there are some big issues new legislation / reform packages needs to address in relation to packaging used in Australia, these include;

1. glass container deposit scheme as is available in South Australia - must be an Australia wide scheme

2. container deposit scheme must include all hard plastics (1-7) as well as glass OR plastics must be eliminated and only glass used as packaging for drinks

3. non-biodegradable and degradable plastic film must be abolished and all plastic film is to be biodegradable

4. no supermarkets or stores to use plastic bags - all reuseable or none provided

5. all supermarkets to have a trolley charge system ie you pay for the trolley then get refund on return to trolley bay

6. all packaged goods from overseas to conform to our system - eliminate demand for plastic packaging from countries such as China which have lesser laws covering working conditions for employees and environment, therefore greater risk of harm to people and environment.

7. all Local Governments to have capacity to provide recycling facilities for all types of wastes eg plastic film

8. all fast food outlets to provide takeaway containers that are only biodegradable

9. all supermarkets to abolish plastic wrapped fresh fruit and veges ie all paper bags or bagless (i have not used plastic bags to purchase fruit and veges for about 10 years it is possible)

10. develop plastic and glass container recycling industry within Australia - create jobs locally and eliminate process of shipping these goods overseas to poorer countries to cope with waste (again where lesser employee and environmental protection occurs) OR Australian industry responsible for shipping these waste materials offshore to be held accountable for employees and environment in receiving countries

11. as changes occur throughout industry - those in non-compliance taxed at higher rate or companies that have products littered by customers are fined and these funds used to clean up the pacific plastic island (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=en4XzfR0FE8>)

thank you

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