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Hi

My name is Cajsa, I grew up in Sweden but have lived in Melbourne for the last 8 years and I am a permanent resident. It's so sad to see how we are so bad at recycling here in Australia and I think it really can improve a lot.

In Sweden where I'm from pretty much everything gets recycled and in most of the country they collect food waste from houses and turn them into fuel for the city buses, how good is that! If you live in a apartment building you have your little recycling station near by. If you live in a house you have to travel to the nearest recycling station which each council has a few of and you recycle there. Everything from batteries, clear glass bottles, coloured glass bottles, hard plastics, Soft plastics, card board, metal containers, cartons and so on.

All plastic bottles, cans and whole crates of glassbottles gets an extra amount of money added on to them when you buy them, say 10-20 cents each, a whole crate of glass bottles are more of course, but you get that money back when you take them back to a bottle and can recycling station at your local super market, all supermarkets have them in Sweden. After you've recycled your bottles and cans you get a voucher that you can use in the supermarket or you can chose to donate it to a charity. This is great, I think that if containers like bottles and cans have a value they won't just get thrown out, or even littered in our beautiful nature.

Then the rest that can't be recycled which isn't alot, gets burnt and made in to heating for houses and businesses.

Recycling creates jobs within the country and I guess you can call it a renewable resource, do we really need to keep producing new things all the time when we have the already produced items here we just need to proper way of recycling them. This would save so many natural resources and create jobs for Australians. A good recycling scheme could be something for us to be proud of and well known for. Australia as a first world country should really act like one and be a good example for the rest of the world. Show others that it is possible. I think it's enough of landfill, how can this ever be the solution. All the rubbish it's still there and probably will be for ever.

Have you and your team ever thought of contacting say a Swedish recycling company and ask how they do it, since they are one of the leading counties in recycling. Or even get them to come over here and set it up for you! How good would that be. Or get some of your staff trained up over in Sweden bring their knowledge back to Australia and start up a new chapter in Australia's sustainable future.

We need this, Australia needs this !

Yours sincerely

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