Dear Minister (Surname)

**Optional** (I am a local resident in your electorate and)

I am deeply concerned about the amount of waste that is being put into landfill and the rate at which our natural resources are being destroyed.

Thank you for creating the National Waste Policy Action Plan, especially the target of Australia's packaging to be 100% reusable, recyclable or compostable by 2025.

However I am concerned that these targets will not be reached due to the following reasons:

* Product labelling is very confusing so people throw rubbish in the wrong bin;
* Not all products have labelling so rubbish goes in the wrong bin;
* Businesses can choose not to use recycled plastic to make their products;
* According to the Australian Council of Recycling, Australians buy 3 1/2 Million tonnes of plastic each year but only about 11% of it can be recycled.  So even if we recycle 100% of the waste that can be, that is still a huge amount of rubbish going into landfill.

Creating a better recycling industry for ourselves will create many jobs and waste will be seen more as a commodity.

**Optional** Being a busy parent / business owner/ tradie/ other/ at the end of the working day I am tired and I don’t want to have to worry about finding a recycle symbol on packaging or have to think about what bin the rubbish goes in.  It should just be made clear, simple and easy for people.

So if things aren’t easy and businesses don’t have to use recycled plastic to make their products, how are we going to reach those targets?

I think we should mandate all Australian products and products that come to Australia from overseas to:

* Have clear labels on all packaging;
* All products should be made from recycled material otherwise have penalties. For example a virgin resource tax like they do overseas;
* All product packaging is recyclable.

I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

*Name*

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