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Question 1 - What are the key issues facing the NSW waste system?

Markets for recycled products, lack of government policy for purchasing recycled product, materials or goods. Contamination in mixed recyclables suggesting more consumer education and engagement is required. Beverage container litter has reduced due to the CDS scheme however all other packaging and general litter has not changed and is still contaminating our waterways.

Question 2 - What are the main barriers to improving the NSW waste system?

Lack of markets for recycled materials. No Government purchasing policy for recycled materials. No incentives for industry to recycle here rather than export. Inability to compete with overseas reprocessing costs.

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

More consumer education, landfill bans for items that can actually be recycled, reduce over packaging, encourage repair and reuse.

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

Educate consumers more about contamination, more education to schools to get the next generation on board early.

Question 5 - What are the main opportunities for improving the NSW waste system?

Industrial and building waste separation should be mandatory, skip bins are just randomly filled with everything and anything and go to landfill. Industry could offer better rates for separated materials.

Question 6 - Any other information that you would like to contribute to the waste strategy initiative?