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Role or organisation	Role or organisation - CEO of NACRO. The charitable reuse, recycling and retail sector = 588,000 tonnes diverted from landfill, 285 million products reused, \$500 million in charity op shop sales for social welfare. 60,000 tonnes of waste dumped on charities = \$13M costs.

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

Underutilisation of reuse opportunities which sits at the top of the waste hierarchy
 Illegal dumping at charitable recycling organisations
 Unusable donations dumped on charities
 Lack of dedicated resources to improve recovery of resources from charity donation bins

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

Government, business and consumer understanding of the benefits of a circular economy

Question 3 - How can we best reduce waste?

Prioritise the work of charitable and community reuse and recycling organisations
 Invest \$10 for every tone of waste charities have to deal with each year to eliminate dumping at charities

Question 4 - How can we recycle better?

Ask how we can reuse better, before focusing on recycling remembering reuse sits higher on the waste hierarchy
 Redesigning bulky waste collections to prioritise reuse
 Developing a dedicated reuse and repair strategy
 Link repair organisations with established charity op shops
 Invest in multiple small scale grants for recycling social enterprises at the 700 charity op shop and reuse enterprise locations throughout NSW, while creating supported job opportunities
 Accelerate investment in textile recycling technology to repurpose garments
 Support a textile take back scheme

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

Accelerate the transition to a circular economy

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

Will leave this question to organisations with a wider macro remit Happy to support the Government in every way in respect of the charitable reuse, recycling and retail sector A copy of our 3-point plan top tackle dumping at charities, accelerate reuse/recycling opportunities and educate consumers on responsible donations has been emailed to 20yws@dpie.nsw.gov.au